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Ada, Oklahoma

Calling all Chickasaws!

Annual Meeting and Festival set for Sept. 25

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - You are invited to join thousands of Chickasaws and friends for a week-long celebration of tribal culture and heritage at the 44th Annual Meeting of the Chickasaw Nation and the 16th Annual Chickasaw Festival Sept. 25 through Oct. 3, 2004.

A variety of exciting events will be conducted in Tishomingo, the historic capitol of the Chickasaw Nation, as well as Ada and Kullihoma stomp grounds.

Chickasaw Nation Governor

Bill Anoatubby will deliver the "State of the Nation" address 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 2 at Fletcher Auditorium on the campus of Murray State College in Tishomingo. An overview of the growth and prosperity of the tribe during the past year will be highlighted in an exciting multimedia presentation.

"We are anxious to share information about the blessings and accomplishments the Chickasaw Nation has experienced this year," said Gov. Anoatubby. "We are also looking forward

to this time of fellowship with friends and family when we can celebrate our past and discuss our vision of the future."

Following the "State of the Nation" address hundreds of spectators will line Tishomingo's Main Street for the annual parade, which includes bands, floats, and a variety of other exciting entrants from across southern Oklahoma.

Other events scheduled for the day include the Chickasaw lunch, Pennington Park activities, fireworks and concert.

Festival events and activities will be conducted on the grounds of the historic Chickasaw capitol, Pennington Park, Murray State College campus, Johnson County Sports complex and other venues.

A variety of events designed to appeal to people of all ages and all walks of life have been scheduled. These include the Chickasaw Princess Pageant, Hall of Fame Banquet, cultural tours and demonstrations, Junior Olympics, archery, golf tournament, softball tournament, vol-

leyball tournament, youth night, youthful celebration, the senior arts and crafts tent and the kids' "fun to learn" tent.

Events to be conducted at Kullihoma stomp grounds include cultural evening and cultural scout night.

For information about the 44th Annual Meeting of the Chickasaw Nation and the 16th Annual Chickasaw Festival, call (580) 371-2040 or 1-800-593-3356.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Annual Princess Pageant beckons Chickasaw girls

ADA, Okla. - Chickasaw girls and young women ages seven to 23 may now submit application for the upcoming 2004-2005 Chickasaw Princess Pageant.

Three lucky young women will be crowned Chickasaw royalty during the 2004-2005 Chickasaw Princess Pageant September 27. The deadline to apply for one of the Chickasaw Princess vacancies is August 31.

Contestants will vie for Chickasaw Princess, 17 to 23 years of age; Chickasaw Junior Princess, 12 to 16 years of age; and Little Miss Chickasaw, 7 to 11 years of age.

"Soon we will welcome the 2004-2005 Chickasaw Princesses," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "The princesses will serve as ambassadors of goodwill for the Chickasaw people and will continue the tradition of dynamic Chickasaw women."

Applicants must be residents of the Chickasaw Nation, be at least one-quarter Chickasaw, be a registered Chickasaw citizen, be the required age by the date of the pageant, never have been married, must have no children, must never have served as a princess in the respective category, must have reliable transportation, abstain from the use of drugs, alcohol or tobacco related products during the reign as princess, attend a public or private school and be working toward a diploma or be a high school graduate or equivalent. Contestants must also attend an orientation workshop and must provide their traditional dress.

The newly-crowned royalty will have the honor and privilege of representing the Chickasaw Nation at various functions and events across the country.

The Chickasaw princesses



2003- 2004 Chickasaw Royalty, from left, Chickasaw Princess Kasie McDonald, Junior Miss Chickasaw Erin Brown and Little Miss Chickasaw Nakita Parnacher.

have been making appearances for many years. The heritage of the princesses goes back to 1963 when Ranell (James) Harry, daughter of former Chickasaw Governor Overton James, was appointed the first princess.

The 2003-2004 Chickasaw royalty are Chickasaw Princess Kasie McDonald; Junior Miss Chickasaw Princess Erin Brown;

and Little Miss Chickasaw Princess Nakita Parnacher.

Applications can be picked up at the Youth and Family Services building, 224 Rosedale Road in Ada. Applications must then be returned to the Princess Program at the Division of Youth and Family Services, 224 Rosedale Road, Ada, OK 74820.

In addition to completing

the application, princess hopefuls must write an essay, have three letters of reference from non-relatives and submit a 5x7 self-portrait.

For more information about the Chickasaw Princesses, contact Toni Castleberry at (580) 310-6620.

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**CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
David Stout Building
Ada, Oklahoma
May 21, 2004**

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Linda Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

Member absent: Judy Goforth Parker

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel, David Mitchell, Legislative Legal Assistant

Guests present: James A. Humes, Buck Cheadle, Lela Seawright Mechfly, Victoria Mechfly, Misty Barker, Sue Simmons, Juanita Tate, Traile G. Glory, Robert Cole, Ruth Cole, Ron Frazier, Bob Martin, Mike Watson, Wilma Watson

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Mrs. Green.

Chairperson Briggs announced that Dr. Goforth Parker was attending a meeting of the Center for Disease Health Resources and Services of Administrative Aids Advisory Committee. This was a presidential appointment and she served as the Native American representative on this committee.

AGENDA ITEM #4 SECRETARY PRO TEMPORE

Chairperson Briggs appointed Mr. Woods to serve as Secretary Pro Tempore in the absence of Dr. Goforth Parker.

AGENDA ITEM #5 READING OF MINUTES - April 16, 2004

A motion was made by Mrs. Green to approve the April 16, 2004 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Wanda Blackwood Scott

12 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of April 16, 2004 carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Steve Woods

No report.

(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Scott Colbert

Permanent Resolution Number 21-021, Amendments to Title 10, Chapter 2, Sections 10-206 and 10-208 of the Chickasaw Nation Code, (Budgeting and Appropriations)

This resolution reduces the restrictions placed on Chickasaw citizens in receiving information contained in the Consolidated Tribal Budget and presenting comments, questions and recommendations or information on any part of the proposed budget during public hearings regarding the Consolidated Tribal Budget.

A motion was made by Mr. Seawright to approve PR21-021. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hart-

man.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus,

Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Wanda Blackwood Scott

12 yes votes

The motion to approve PR21-021 carried unanimously.

Permanent Resolution Number 21-022, Amendments Title 10, Chapter 2, Section 10-202 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Development Budget)

This resolution amends Section 10-202 to further define the Development Budget as a one-time, living budget, subject to continual change to keep pace with the changing needs of tribal government. It will provide updates to the Legislature on all ongoing projects relating to real property projects and allow for closer real-time monitoring and evaluation of such projects.

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Colbert to approve PR21-022. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Wanda Blackwood Scott

12 yes votes

The motion to approve PR21-022 carried unanimously.

Mr. Scott Colbert announced the Budget hearing dates and location, then concluded his report.

(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Dean McManus

No report.

(D) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Judy Goforth Parker

The Land Development Committee report was given by Mrs. Green.

General Resolution Number 21-051, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Garvin County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, containing 4.2 acres, more or less, in Garvin County, Oklahoma. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Mrs. Green to approve GR21-051. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Mrs. Hartman noted the Legislature did not know the price of said property.

Chairperson Briggs explained the reason the price was not given was because the property was in negotiation. By law the Nation could not pay more than ten percent of the appraised value of the property.

Mrs. Hartman stated as Legislators they have a right to know the price of property, because that is the constituent's dollar. For that reason she would not support any of the acquisition resolutions.

Mr. Seawright stated he supported Mrs. Hartman's comments and he did not feel it was good business to purchase property without knowing the price. He was familiar with the property in GR21-051 and would support this resolution, but would not support the other resolutions because he did not know the dollar amounts.

Mr. Tim Colbert made a recommendation to review legislation of how the Nation acquires property because the Legislature does not know the cost of the property

when it comes up for a vote.

Mrs. Alexander stated she agreed with Mrs. Hartman and she would not vote on legislation not knowing the cost.

Chairperson Briggs explained the reason for not announcing the cost of property, was the Legislature had been given prices of property and they were divulged to the news media. When the owners of the property learned the Nation was the purchaser, the price doubled.

A roll call vote was taken on GR21-051.

Members voting yes:

Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

10 yes votes

Members voting no:

Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman

2 no votes

The motion to approve GR21-051 carried.

General Resolution Number 21-052, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, containing 4.66 acres, more or less, in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Mrs. Green to approve GR21-052. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wanda

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Bill Anoatubby
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History supports our cherished tribal standing

By **BILL ANOATUBBY**
Governor

Chickasaw Nation

Chickasaw people possess a deep and abiding understanding of our tribe's history, and universal tribal history. The events that have occurred over the past centuries have combined to determine our tribal status in America today.

Our tribe, like so many others, was a distinct and sovereign government long before Europeans began reaching our shores. We have a centuries-old history of managing our own affairs, and that history is recognized through our sovereign status.

Our nation-to-nation relationship with the United States has been recognized by the U.S. Constitution, and has been further formalized through treaties between the Chickasaw Nation and the United States.

Of course, as American history unfolded, federal policy

toward Indians and Indian tribes often failed to recall history, and failed to recall the agreements made by the United States with the many tribes. Our sovereign status was challenged not directly, but rather through lurches in federal policy that, in bad times, actually began the process of eliminating tribal governments.

Fortunately, through the patience and hard work of countless Indian people and tribal governments, the Chickasaw Nation is now reaping the harvest sown by the generations who came before us. Our ability to perform the functions of self-governance has grown in countless ways. Our ability to conduct real and meaningful economic development has greatly strengthened our sovereign status and allowed us to produce much-needed programs and services for Chickasaw people.



Gov. Bill Anoatubby

Federal Indian policy now actually promotes our self-determination and strong tribal government. For many decades, as policy swung like a pendulum, it was unclear what our tribe and others might be able to achieve, even though we were guaranteed sovereignty through history and treaty. However, it at long last became clear to the federal government, beginning in earnest with the Kennedy administration, that federal policy had, in the past, severely limited

opportunities for Indians and tribes. This failed policy had created large pockets of Indian poverty throughout the United States. These onerous policy errors were finally recognized.

Our singular sovereign status is so very important, and that sovereignty is fully supported by American history, case law and Congressional action. Our unique, traditional, sovereign status is as it is because history dictates it is so. This status has allowed us to develop into a modern tribe with rock-solid legal standing and pragmatic flexibility.

For the many Chickasaws who came before us and preserved our beloved tribe, we are eternally thankful. Our potential as a people is finally coming to maturity, and Chickasaws of all ages will benefit greatly from the sacrifices made in the many years past.

It has been a very long and

rocky road, filled with countless Chickasaws who simply would not give up. We are blessed as a tribe, and our blessings will continue as we enter in the era of the empowered, and empowering, Chickasaw Nation.

We must remain vigilant. We know from history that challenges can come from many, and unexpected directions. However, we are now fulfilling our governmental obligations, and we are fully embracing our God-given sovereignty, with all the rights and responsibilities that come with that designation.

As with Chickasaws of generations past, we are happy and confident in making our own decisions and providing for our people. It is a "golden era" we are experiencing. You can count on your tribal government to produce at the highest level, and help bring prosperity and opportunity to all Chickasaw people.

Tribal citizens to benefit from Windows training

Teaching software donated to computer literacy program



The Video Professor company has donated approximately \$150,000 worth of educational software to the Chickasaw Nation Computer Literacy program. The donation will benefit Native Americans in their quest to become more computer literate.

ADA, Okla. – The Chickasaw Nation Computer Literacy program received a computer learning software donation, worth approximately \$150,000 on June 28, from the Video Professor company. The software teaches Windows 98, Me and XP programs.

The Video Professor company provides individuals with

training on software programs for their personal computers. Millions of people have successfully learned from the Video Professor's "What-You-See-Is-What-You-Do" teaching method.

This is the largest single donation the Chickasaw Nation Computer Literacy program has received.

"The contribution will enable the Chickasaw Nation Computer Literacy program to better assist Native Americans with their technological needs," Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said. "Countless Native American citizens will benefit from this donation for many years to come."

"Computer literacy is very important to us," said Brian Olson, public relations director for the Video Professor. "Computer literacy not only lets individuals learn about the world, but it also allows you to share your culture with that same world."

Nearly 3,000 families have benefited from in-home computer access thanks to the Chickasaw Nation Computer Literacy and Distribution program. The program refurbishes and distributes excess tribal computers, as well as computers donated by businesses and government agencies to Native American citizens.

New clients who receive computers will receive the educational software. Those who obtained computers in the past are also eligible to receive the free software.

"The computer literacy program will use this software as the cornerstone of our literary efforts," Cliff Jones, computer literacy program manager, said. "It will be used to empower Native Americans to reach their full potential and improve their quality of life through the use of technology."

While searching for educational initiatives, the Video Professor company read an article about the Chickasaw Nation Computer Literacy program. The company was "impressed with the goals, objectives and sheer enormity of the computer literacy project in the Chickasaw Nation," Olson said.

"The donation is extremely

important to the Chickasaw Nation because it's in recognition of the outstanding work the tribe is doing to promote computer literacy and to bridge the digital divide that exists between native and non-native people," Jones said.

The Video Professor is a nationally known company that has been helping people become computer literate for over 15 years.

For more information about donating equipment to the Chickasaw Nation Computer Literacy and Distribution program, call (580) 421-7876.

Contributed by Becky Chandler, tribal media relations.

CHICKASAW ENTERPRISES IS EXPANDING!

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Ada, OK 74820



Education changes offer more opportunities for students



Linda Briggs
Chairman
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello!

Even with the heat of summer there are so many opportunities for great enjoyment - family gatherings not the least of those, of course! My own family reunion was a great success with around 150 of us visiting together at our family park, the Minnie Liddell Park. Minnie Keel Liddell was my maternal grandmother, a full-

blood, original enrollee, and our park is on some of her original allotment land. She had the wisdom and foresight to set the property aside for the park and a lot of enjoyment is derived from seeing crepe myrtle trees (a favorite of hers) and other plants she planted herself. We lost her 22 years ago and her presence is always still felt at that very special park.

The gardens our Chickasaw youth have placed near the headquarters complex have become very prolific and the produce is wonderful. (You have to get there "early" to be able to purchase the produce as it is a very popular place!). Also, the flowers are beautiful. Bouquets made from the flowers grown are used at various tribal events and somehow they are not only beautiful but very special. We have been fortunate in our part of the world this year with more rain than we normally get in the

summertime - and we are grateful. Also, the rain has been kind to the gardens!

All over the Chickasaw Nation things are growing - much new construction and the businesses continue to do very well. We are fortunate to have the expertise and talent of many who work tirelessly for the good of the Chickasaw people.

Especially busy now are the people in the Education Department as they help many people prepare to continue their education or in some instances, begin again. The revisions made on the programs offered through the Education Department have been helpful to many people of all ages and life experiences. Just last week I received a call from a young woman who was so proud of having just graduated from farrier school - learning to put shoes on horses! She happens to be a great horsewoman and will be very successful - I'm sure of

it and also very proud of her!

Preparations are already very much under way for the Annual Festival. It is the first week in October and truly an extravaganza - so many craftspeople and so much to see. Mark your calendars!!

I'm hoping all of you are having a great summer - stay safe and spend some time with your family elders. They are our greatest treasure! Blessings on all of you.

Linda Briggs

Colbert hosts open house at Tish clinic every first Wednesday



D. Scott Colbert
Chickasaw Tribal Legislator

Legislator Scott Colbert will have an open office for Legislature Business at the Tishomingo Clinic between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month. Please make appointments at (580) 622-3218. You may also call on the first Wednesday of every month at (580) 421-3425.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Historic Capitol restoration proceeding nicely



Wanda Blackwood Scott
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Chukma! And special greetings to all our Chickasaw service men and women on tours of duty in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait and throughout the world. God bless each and every one of you.

We have accomplished much of the restoration on our historic Capitol building in Tishomingo. I am visiting the capitol on a weekly basis to inspect our progress - and to inspire our workers to complete the restoration by Annual Meeting! I think you will be very pleased with our beloved old capitol's appearance. It is really an outstanding piece of Chickasaw history, and the renovation has

been handled very well.

The historic Chickasaw Capitol is near and dear to my heart, and it holds special meaning for many Chickasaws. Our children and grandchildren will enjoy the building for many years to come.

Our Pauls Valley senior site

is almost complete and we are all excited about the project. The new senior site will be a wonderful place for Pauls Valley-area seniors to enjoy meals, fellowship and a great time together. I very much look forward to visiting the new site and

enjoying time with the seniors in Pauls Valley.

I ask for your prayers for all our people in the military. My son, U.S. Army Maj. Jimmie D. Scott II, is serving in Iraq and has recently had his time on that duty extended. He was to come

home for a two-week stay but, much to my heartache, that has been cancelled. Many of our soldiers, marines, airmen and sailors currently serving overseas are reservists called to duty. Thank you for your prayers for each and every one of them.

Blessings to our service men and women



Dr. Judy Goforth Parker
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

I would like to take this opportunity to salute the men and women of the Chickasaw Nation who serve in the United States armed forces. Your efforts protecting the freedom of this wonderful country in which

we live are greatly appreciated. I grew up hearing a few stories about my father's experiences in the 45th division of the National Guard in World War II. He was only sixteen when he signed up to serve. Little did he know how that decision would change his life. It was only recently that my seventeen-year-old son and I sat down and interviewed my father about his experiences in World War II. After more than six hours of talking, we believe that we better understand what freedom means to America.

I also thank the families represented by each person who is in the service in the precious fight for the lives that we live in America. I do not have a family member on foreign soil, but I do listen to those who do. Your job

is hard, but not unappreciated. A visit to our Nation's capitol would help you to understand what American thinks about its veterans. The new World War II memorial and others such as the Vietnam Memorial are an indication of our appreciation as a country for the men and women who have served.

Like most, my hope is for an

end to the current war that we are in.

Our prayers are with you and your loved ones. Once again, I salute you for the sacrifice. The Chickasaw Nation is proud of you.

Judy Goforth Parker, PhD, RN

Chickasaw Legislator
Pontotoc District, Seat 2

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Health System serving many Indian people



Mary Jo Green

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Chairman of the Health Care Committee! May was a busy month and the Health

Care Committee did not meet due to scheduling difficulties. However, Bill Lance, Health Systems Administrator, sent a report regarding patient services at Carl Albert Hospital and the clinics.

The total number of hospitalizations at Carl Albert for June was 218 and the three-month total was 636. The number of outpatient visits at Carl Albert was 13,395 for June and 42,272 for the last three months. Emergency Room visits were 933 in June and 2,940 in the last three months. The number of surgeries for June was 242 and 726 for the last three months. The Same-day Clinic (formerly known as Urgent Care Clinic) saw 2,523 patients in June and 7,765 in the

last three months.

The Family Practice Clinic in Ada saw 4,527 patients in June and 13,882 in the last three months. The Ardmore Clinic saw 2,967 for June and 8,666 in the last three months. The Tishomingo Clinic saw 2,482 patients in June and 7,174 in the last three months. The Durant Clinic saw 2,481 patients in June and 7,464 in the last three months. The total number of patients seen in the last three months for all clinics is 80,094.

It is truly an honor for me to bring such wonderful news!! We are truly blessed to have a Health System that is able to provide services to so many Indian people. It is also my

pleasure to bring you good news from the Department of Education.

This year has seen 15 students receive their GED Diplomas compared to four at this time last year. We all know that it is never too late to continue formal education and it lifts my heart to see so many that are so many Chickasaw students continuing on. Also, elder educations have begun again since the scholastic camps have concluded. The classes are held at senior citizen sites.

The Department also reports that a total of 64 students completed the CNASA Camps this year and 21 attended the Entrepreneur Camp. A Gates Millennium Scholarship (GMS)

workshop was held at East Central University and 72 students attended. The GMS is a national scholarship that provides up to the total cost of education on a competitive and needs basis.

For your information, my articles are now located on Chickasaw.net web site. As always, I invite any comments or questions you may have. Please contact me through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of the *Chickasaw Times* and on the web site. I look forward to speaking with you! May God bless our health care providers and also our Indian people that they may be in better health in the coming year. Thank you.

July 2004 Resolution results

General Resolution Number 21-066

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, containing 1.41 acres, more or less, in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, located at 212 Rosedale Road, and described as Part of the SW/4 of Section 21, Township 4 North, Range 6 East of the Indian Base and Meridian, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Chairperson Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Linda Briggs

No votes: Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman, Wilson Seawright

General Resolution Number 21-067

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Johnston County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, located at 409 W. 8th and 304 N. Mickle, and described as Lot 10, Block 68, Town of Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Chairperson Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Linda Briggs

No votes: Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman

General Resolution Number 21-068

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, containing 1.38 acres, more or less, in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, located at 1115 West Main Street, and described as a Part of the SE/4 of Section 32, Township 4 North, Range 6 East of the Indian Base and Meridian, and Lot 8, Block L, Sunrise Addition to the City of Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Chairperson Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Linda Briggs

No votes: Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman, Wilson Seawright

General Resolution Number 21-069

Authorization for Acceptance of Real Property in Love

County

Explanation: This resolution approves the acceptance of real property from MegaBingo, Inc., described as: A tract of land located in Love County, Oklahoma and more particularly described as follows: Part of the N/2 of the NW/4 and the SW/4 of the NW/4 and the N/2 of the SE/4 of the NW/4 and the W/2 of the NE/4 of Section 29, Township 9 South, Range 2 East of the Indian Base and Meridian; less and except a 400'x500' tract of land in the Northwest Corner of the property, and all rights to oil, gas and other minerals in and under the land, containing approximately 216.749 acres, more or less. The Governor is

authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Chairperson Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Linda Briggs

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CHIEF OF POLICE & 6 OFFICERS

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Peacemaking initiative on the agenda

Chickasaw court system seeing increased case load



Cheri Bellefeuille-Eldred
Supreme Court Chief Justice

July has been another wonderful month for the Judicial Department. The Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court and the District Court have continued to visit the Community Councils.

We began the month by visiting the Purcell Community Council. The Judicial Department shared a very enjoyable evening with the Purcell area citizens. Chief Justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Eldred presented a slide show on the recent changes taking place in the Judicial Department and took a few minutes to share some goals of the Chickasaw Supreme Court and District Court. Justice Barbara Smith gave a heartwarming presentation on the Peacemaking Courts and processes currently established across the nation.

For this discussion, all of the members formed a "talking circle" as Justice Smith outlined all of the positive features of reintroducing the traditional and cultural aspects into our courts. Bedre chocolates in the form of Judicial Seals, ink pens, and judicial brochures were passed out to the members during the "Question and Answer" period.

Judge Aaron Duck has recently returned from a conference in Reno, Nevada. Attendance at BJA conferences is a requirement of our grant and they have proven to provide a wealth of information to our Judge and Justices. Armed with this information, the Judicial Department continues to make improvements in our courts for our citizens.

The Chickasaw Nation District Court opened an additional 35 cases in June to bring the total NEW cases opened in six months to 179 cases. The Court Advocates have seen 144 clients in the month of June. This brings the total number of citizens assisted by our Court Advocates to 599 since we opened in January 2004. Judge Aaron Duck and the District Court are working diligently to serve the Chickasaw citizens. If you have any

questions you may call Wayne or Tamara at the District Court: **1-(580)-235-0279**.

We currently have 50 members in the Chickasaw Nation Bar Association. We are planning a Bar Association luncheon. The Supreme Court Clerk will notify the Bar Association members. To set an appointment with a Court Advocate you may call the District Court at: **1-(580)-235-0279**.

The Judicial Department attended and assisted in the Duncan Community Dinner on July 20, 2004 at the Simmons Center. This was a wonderful opportunity to meet some of the citizens from the Duncan area and to provide them with brochures



Chief Justice Eldred
at the Judicial Department's booth at the Duncan Community Center.



From left, Supreme Court Chief Justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Eldred, Governor Bill Anoatubby and Betty Edwards, winner of the Chickasaw afghan.

and ink pens with Supreme and District Court contact information. We held a drawing for a Chickasaw afghan which was won by **Betty Edwards**.

As July comes to a close we are looking forward to the opportunities coming in August as we continue our travels to Community Council meetings and tribal activities that allow us to visit you, our citizens.

2002-2003 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

<u>Pontotoc District</u>	<u>Pickens District</u>	<u>Tishomingo District</u>
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1. Holly Easterling HCR 64 Box 241 Ada, OK 74820 (580) 436-9882 hollye@tds.net	1. Wilson Seawright P.O. Box 83 Ardmore, OK 73401 (580) 223-3358	1. D. Scott Colbert 608 W. Tulsa Sulphur, OK 73086 (580) 622-3218
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4. Dean McManus Route 2, Box 312 Ada, OK 74820 (580) 759-3407	4. Wanda Blackwood Scott Route 1, Box 42 Elmore City, OK 73433 (580) 788-4730 scottides@telepath.com	<u>Panola District</u>
5. Mary Jo Green 2000 E. 14th Place Ada, OK 74820 (580) 332-2394		Seat #
		1. Beth Alexander Box 246 Achille, OK 74720 (580) 283-3409

CHICKASAW CHILDREN'S VILLAGE KINGSTON, OKLAHOMA

Make a difference in the Lives of Children

The Chickasaw Nation Children's Village is seeking married couples for live-in **House Parents** for its new student cottages. Located on Highway 70 within view of Lake Texoma, the house parents will reside in the cottages and provide a home-like atmosphere for up to 8 American Indian children for grades 1-12 while they attend Kingston Public Schools. Year-round generous benefit package plus salary and paid living expenses. The Children's Village includes a full range of activities and recreational areas, including a livestock barn and arena. Rural living and secured grounds will provide a safe and nurturing environment. Consider being a part of this village family. Qualified applicants will have a foundation in adolescent behavior, an understanding of intervention methods and a history of working with adolescents in various settings. Please send individual resumes to Human Resources, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821. To download an application or for more information about the Chickasaw Nation log on to www.chickasaw.net



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New challenges, avenues for Five Civilized Inter-Tribal leaders seek reassessment of role



Governor Anoatubby and Lt. Governor Keel present the Intertribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes scholarships. At left, recipient Casey Chatfield and her mother, Lynn Chatfield. At right, scholarship recipient J.D. Wallace.

A resolution was passed during the July 9 meeting of the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes to form a work group to study what changes, if any, the organization should make.

"There were no elected leaders of the Five Civilized Tribes when this organization was established in 1950," said Chicka-

saw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "It wasn't until the early 70s that tribes were able to elect our own leadership.

"While the focus of inter-tribal has been education and cultural activities and those things that are important to the tribes, we as leaders of the tribes believe that it's time to reexamine the direc-

tion, objectives, and mission of the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes."

Cherokee Chief Chad Smith also spoke on the need to study the issue.

"Things have changed over the last 50 years," said Chief Smith. "For a number of years we were an organization strug-

gling to grab a place in history - revitalizing tribes. Since the 70s we've found that each of us has assertive leadership in different ways, which is well and good.

"Now we're in the year 2004 we each have significant gaming operations, business development and we really have to stop

and think what the purpose and design of this organization is. What this group will basically do is start to think of the different roles and possibilities that the five tribes could take or should take."

Other resolutions expressed support for the state of Oklahoma filling the post of director of Indian education as quickly as possible as well as support for a September conference which will focus on coordinating efforts of the 39 tribes to improve education in the state.

Othe business included awarding Inter-Tribal Council Scholarships.

Casey Chatfield and J.D. Wallace were named as Chickasaw Nation recipients of the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes scholarships at the meeting.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

'National Night Out' celebrates crime and drug prevention

ADA, Okla. – Ada will join cities nationwide for "America's Night Out Against Crime" August 3 from 6-9 p.m. on the administration lawn at East Central University. The crime and drug prevention event is co-hosted by the Chickasaw Nation and East Central University.

National Night Out (NNO) is an event designed to heighten awareness of crime, violence

and drug prevention; generate support for and participation in local anti-crime efforts and strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships.

Guest speakers, activities, entertainment, refreshments and informative booths will highlight the evening dedicated to ending crime in our city.

"We invite residents through-

out Ada to spend a fun filled evening with family members taking a stand against crime," Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said.

NNO was introduced by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) 20 years ago. In an effort to heighten awareness and strengthen participation in local anticrime efforts, Matt Peskin felt that a high-profile, high-

impact type of crime prevention event was needed nationally. At that time, he noted that in a typical "crime watch community," only five to seven percent of the residents were participating actively. Due to the growth and success of these programs, he believed this percentage was too low. Subsequently, he proposed a national program which would be coordinated by local crime prevention agencies and organizations. Since that time the event has grown to involve over 30 million people in more than 10,000 communities per year.

"This is a night for America to stand together to promote awareness, safety and neighborhood unity," said Peskin, NNO

national project coordinator. "National Night Out showcases the vital importance of police-community partnership and citizen involvement in our fight to build a safer nation."

Aside from community gatherings, some celebrate NNO with a display of outdoor lights, front porch vigils, cookouts, flashlight walks, youth programs or block parties.

For more information or to get involved with local festivities, call Shawna Jackson, Chickasaw Nation youth leadership camp coordinator, at (580) 310-6620.

Contributed by Becky Chandler, tribal media relations.

Committee Reports

Legislative Committee

July 6, 2004

Present: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

Absent: Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Donna Hartman, Linda Briggs

Human Resources Committee

July 6, 2004

Present: Dean McManus, Melvin Burris, Mary Jo Green, Wilson Seawright, Judy Goforth Parker (Protempore)

Absent: Holly Easterling, Donna Hartman, Linda

Briggs

Finance Committee

July 6, 2004

Present: Scott Colbert, Melvin Burris, Judy Goforth Parker, Steve Woods

Absent: Holly Easterling, Linda Briggs

Finance Committee

July 12, 2004

Present: Scott Colbert, Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Judy Goforth Parker, Linda Briggs

Absent: Steve Woods

Historic Capitol - Ad Hoc Committee

July 6, 2004

Present: Wanda Blackwood Scott, Melvin Burris, Judy Goforth Parker

Absent: Scott Colbert, Linda Briggs

Briggs

Historical Capitol Ad Hoc Committee

July 7, 2004

Present: Melvin Burris, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Linda Briggs

Absent: Scott Colbert

Tribal Historic & Cultural Preservation Committee

July 6, 2004

Present: Beth Alexander, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Judy Goforth Parker (Protempore)

Absent: Scott Colbert, Donna Hartman, Linda Briggs

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Director to seek citizen volunteers

Chickasaw Cultural Center set for 2006 opening



Design of the Chickasaw Cultural Center is complete, the process of selecting a contractor to construct the facility is under way, and the estimated opening date is Oct. 2006, according to cultural center director Sue Linder-Linsley.

While construction of the theaters, galleries, pavilions and other physical features of the

facility is obviously a massive undertaking, it takes much more than buildings and exhibits to create a cultural center.

"People are the culture. Without culture it's not a cultural center, it's just a museum," said Ms. Linder-Linsley. "The volunteers, participants, citizens of the nation that show up and share and exchange - even if they just

come out to work on a quilt or come out to do beading or basketry that they would normally do at home - that's what makes it a cultural center."

Regardless of the number of employees on staff at the center, broad-based participation of volunteers is necessary for the center to fulfill its mission "to preserve Chickasaw heritage, capture the essence of Chickasaw culture, teach it to Chickasaw people and to share it with the world."

Asked how many volunteers she would like to have, Ms. Linder-Linsley replied, "Thousands. We would like every citizen of the Chickasaw Nation to

be a volunteer at some point."

To that end, a participation survey is being developed to learn specifically what skills and knowledge citizens are willing to share with others. The survey will also ask people to indicate what they are interested in learning about Chickasaw culture.

Results will enable cultural center staff to identify a core set of artists, craftspeople, storytellers, cooks and others who will pass that knowledge along.

Ms. Linder-Linsley emphasized that a high level of expertise or tremendous talent are not required to volunteer.

"The cultural center is for everybody," she said. "If you want

to show up and participate, we want you. Show up. Participate. Learn something and share it with others. I don't think we'll ever limit our volunteer program because there is so much to do.

"We can work with people who want to volunteer to be within their schedule and within their interest. We would like the person who shows up once and gets interested just because they went through the exhibits will want to come back the next week or as soon as they have time. And from there we hope to spark that fire of interest in their past and the culture."

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Testimony shows broad support for Cultural Center land exchange

A bill to authorize the exchange of land between the National Park Service, the City of Sulphur and the Chickasaw Nation received broad support during July 15 testimony before the U.S. House Resources subcommittee hearing.

Introduced by U.S. Rep. Tom Cole (R-Okla.), H.R. 4066 would allow the exchange of 29 acres of land within the Chickasaw National Recreation Area to be exchanged for 39 acres of land donated to the Chickasaw Nation by the City of Sulphur.

Former Sulphur mayor and six-term city councilman Donald Day testified that the impact of the Chickasaw Nation Cultural Center on south central and southeastern Oklahoma "will be immeasurable."

"Phase I represents a \$35 million investment and the creation of 100 jobs," said Day. "The value of planned commercial and residential collateral development is approximately \$15 million. The city is planning a \$2 million water service expansion as further evidence that it supports this endeavor 100 percent.

"The Chickasaw Nation Cul-

tural Center will define Sulphur and Murray County as a tourist destination. In addition to the local and regional economic boost, this facility will positively impact local educational institutions by providing a world class destination for local and regional students."

National Park Service official Sue Masica testified that the proposed land exchange to facilitate the construction of the Chickasaw Cultural Center, would benefit all concerned.

In addition to enabling the tribe to establish an important research, education and museum facility on the land, it will also enhance the ability of the NPS to protect park lands, according to Ms. Masica.

Chickasaw Nation Ambassador to the United States Charles Blackwell pointed out that many other local communities join the Chickasaw Nation, the National Park Service and the City of Sulphur in the goal of creating the center, which is predicted to attract an additional 1.5 million visitors to the park in its first year of operation.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw Nation Connection to Recreation Area Spans 160 Years

After removal to Indian Territory in the late 1830s, leaders of the Chickasaw Nation sought culturally significant areas where they could continue tribal ceremonies and rituals.

Leaders quickly identified springs in the area now known as the Chickasaw National Recreation Area as an area that would be ideal for such ceremonies. This area was held in reverence and treated with great respect.

As the years passed, and particularly after the City of Sulphur was founded in 1895, settlement in the area began to pollute the springs.

Leaders of the Chickasaw Nation saw that the pending dissolution of tribal government and the resulting loss of authority over the area could lead to further damage and possible commercialization of the area.

That led tribal leaders to amend the Treaty of Atoka of 1867 and cede 640 acres to the federal government for \$20 per acre, with the understanding the U.S. government would permanently preserve and protect the property.

Initially called Sulphur Springs Reservation, 218 acres were added in 1904 and the area was opened to the public.

In 1906, the name was changed to Platt National Park in honor of Senator Orville H. Platt of Connecticut.

Arbuckle Recreation Area was assigned to the National Park Service in 1968 and the two were combined to form the Chickasaw Nation Recreation Area in 1976.

Since that time, Veterans Lake and the surrounding 300 acres

which connect the Platt and Arbuckle districts of the CNRA were donated to the National Park Service by the City of Sulphur.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Ag writing contest submissions sought

Submissions are now being accepted for a writing competition which will award five finalists each an all-expense paid trip for two to the Inter-Tribal Agricultural Council annual meeting in Hollywood, Florida Nov. 1 through 5.

The winner will be announced during special ceremonies during the IAC meeting.

Sponsored by Native Women in Agriculture, the competition is open to Native American women and men entering grades nine through 12 in the fall of 2004 as well as those who graduated high school in May through August of this year.

Papers on "The Role of Native Women in Agriculture: Past,

Present and Future," will be judged on creativity, quality of sources, grammar, organization and other criteria.

Entries must be typed, double spaced with one inch margin in 12 point font.

Submissions are due no later than 5 p.m. Sept. 10, 2004 and may be submitted by mail, fax, or as an e-mail attachment in Microsoft Word format to the following addresses:

J.H. Popp
217 Agriculture Building
AEAB
University of Arkansas
Fayetteville, AR 72701
Fax: (479) 575-5306
e-mail: jhpopp@uark.edu

The Chickasaw Historical Society cordially invites the public to the Chickasaw Nation Artist Calendar signing and opening reception at the Jacobson House in Norman August 29. The event kickoffs the "Chickasaw Art & Culture" exhibit at the Jacobson House that runs from August 29 to September 26. For more information, call (580) 332-1092.

Show set for Aug. 29-Sept. 26

Chickasaw art and culture celebrated at Jacobson House

NORMAN, Okla. - A month-long exhibit celebration of Chickasaw Art and Culture will be featured at the Jacobson House in Norman August 29 through September 26.

Various art pieces, from paintings to jewelry, will be displayed at the Jacobson House at 609 Chautauqua Road. Information about programs and services within the Chickasaw Nation will also be featured at the event.

"Art, in all its forms, is the expression of individual creativity and achievement, as well as cultural identity," said Lona Barrick, tribal arts and humanities administrator. "The arts are

important because they move the culture along and give us ways to tell our stories."

The celebration will kick off on **August 29** with an opening reception and calendar signing sponsored by the Chickasaw Historical Society.

A Tom Phillips original painting will serve as the focal point for the event. The original painting "First Encounter...De Soto Meets The Chickasaws" will hang above the fireplace at the Jacobson House.

A gallery talk will be featured on **September 5**. Matthew Cravatt, with the Chickasaw Nation Council House Museum, will "Talk on Culture" at the event and other activities are also

planned.

Children's activities will be in the spotlight on **September 12**. Robert Perry, author of "Life with the Little People" will be on hand, as well as a performance by the Chickasaw Children's Choir.

On **September 19**, Chickasaw history will be topic at the Jacobson House as the Chickasaw Living History Players entertain guests.

The celebration will conclude **September 25 and 26** with the Chickasaw and Southeastern Art Market. Various Chickasaw artists, artisans and craftspeople will be selling their work from booths on the grounds of the

Jacobson. Participating artists include: Marcella Soo'kee Nix, Matthew Cravatt, Fran Rice, Joshua Hinson, Daniel Worcester, Joyce Vinyard, Jeannie Barbour, Dixie Brewer, Lorie Robins, Joseph Pershica II, Joanna Underwood and others.

The Jacobson House was the home of Oscar Brousse Jacobson, a world-renowned artist and educator. Jacobson was an art department director at the University of Oklahoma. In addition, he was the first art authority to recognize Native American art as fine art.

Following Jacobson's death in 1966, the home was preserved and since it's been used to showcase art.

"The Jacobson House Native Art Center has proven through the years its dedication and commitment to the preservation of American Indian art and culture and the creative spirit in all Native people," Barrick said.

Aside from the Jacobson House, in September Chickasaw art will also be featured at the Old Bank Gallery in Ada, Okla., Artrain USA in Ada, Okla., and at the Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival in Tishomingo, Okla.

Contributed by Becky Chandler, tribal media relations.

Tribal, business operations through nine months show healthy growth

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government capitation includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include sales taxes from the businesses, motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the election commission, maintenance and operations of tribal property, Chickasaw Times and governor's and Lt. governor's offices. Expenditure for educa-

tion includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Depreciation has not been computed on the Fixed Assets of the governmental funds for the past year or the current year. This will be computed after year end in connection with the audit.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending June 30, 2004

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses totaled \$1.9 million for the month and \$33.0 million for the year.

Expenditures for the month were \$1.4 million and \$13.9 for the year to date which is slightly less than the budget for the nine months. Expenditures for construction of fixed assets total \$ 0.4 million for the month and \$11.1 million for the year to date. Current expenditures for fixed assets are included in fixed assets.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes total \$240.4 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$82.8 million for the year to date and was better than budget. Expenditures for fixed asset were \$4.1 million for the month and \$31.8 million year to date.

Statement of Net Assets

At June 30, 2004, the tribal

government funds had \$32.7 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, \$5.2 million is in the BIA Trust fund and \$0.3 million is reserved for construction projects approved by the legislature.

The businesses had \$35.4 million in cash and investments of which \$13.9 million is for accounts payable and \$19.9

million is reserved for reinvestment in present and new businesses.

As of June 30, 2004, tribe operations had assets totaling \$236.7 million with \$14.0 million in payables resulting in net assets of \$222.7 million compared to \$152.8 million at the beginning of the year or an increase of \$69.9 million.

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the Nine Months Ended June 30, 2004

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	\$ 2,224,507	240,184,743	242,409,250
Transfers from businesses to tribal government	30,876,886	(30,876,886)	-
Total funds available	33,101,393	209,307,857	242,409,250
Expenditures			
General government	2,568,019		2,568,019
Legislature	934,200		934,200
Judiciary	207,187		207,187
Education	1,812,252		1,812,252
Heritage Preservation	1,280,597		1,280,597
Health	1,972,838		1,972,838
Youth and Family Services	1,010,428		1,010,428
Nutrition Programs	1,226,503		1,226,503
Regulatory	374,449		374,449
Assistance Programs	1,073,819		1,073,819
Economic Development	3,000,000		3,000,000
Gaming expense		96,681,268	96,681,268
Other businesses' expense		60,657,541	60,657,541
Total expenditures	15,460,292	157,338,809	172,799,101
Increase in net assets	17,641,101	51,969,048	69,610,149
Beginning net assets	67,998,327	84,811,790	152,810,117
Ending net assets	\$ 85,639,428	136,780,838	222,420,266

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Net Assets June 30, 2004

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	\$ 32,784,965	34,542,745	67,327,710
Receivables	173,480	4,424,267	4,597,747
Inventory		3,009,359	3,009,359
Prepaid expenses		5,706,415	5,706,415
Other Assets		19,175,761	19,175,761
Fixed assets	53,078,666	83,844,087	136,922,753
Less payables	(97,683)	(13,921,796)	(14,019,479)
Net Assets	\$ 85,939,428	136,780,838	222,720,266

Resources for rural roads

Roads program helps rebuild key Tishomingo streets



Governor Anoatubby is joined by tribal legislators, City of Tishomingo officials, Johnston County Commissioners, Murray State College representatives and a number of tribal employees in dedicating the new road in front of the Tishomingo Health Clinic.

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby was joined by tribal legislators, Tishomingo City officials, and Johnston County Commissioners in

a ribbon cutting ceremony to dedicate a section of Sixth Street and Chisholm Ave.

This project involved a complete rebuilding and realignment of a section of Chisholm

Avenue as well as widening and resurfacing a section of East Sixth Street which will provide easier access to the Chickasaw Nation Health Clinic as well as other homes and businesses in

the area.

Recently completed through a cooperative effort of the Chickasaw Nation Roads Program and the City of Tishomingo, the project is only one example of the impact of the Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) program.

While few people have heard of the IRR program, if you live in a rural area or small town in Oklahoma, there is a good chance one of the roads you traveled on the way to work this morning was built or maintained, at least in part, through the program.

This little known program, instituted to provide funding for transportation projects to benefit Native Americans in Indian country, has a major impact in improving transportation for all Oklahomans, according to Chickasaw Nation Roads program director Bo Ellis.

Oklahoma receives approximately \$30 million per year in IRR funds.

More than \$2 million of those IRR funds reach the Chickasaw

Nation Roads program, which has contributed to a number of important projects in the 13-county jurisdiction of the tribe.

Those funds have a "big impact" on county roads according to Johnston County Commissioner Mike Thompson.

The program also provided funds to widen and resurface Luffy Chapel Road in Johnston County. Other recent projects include building two new streets in Greenwood Meadows housing addition north of Ada, as well as replacing a dilapidated bridge in Pontotoc County..

There are approximately 8,640 miles of city and county roads and 2,580 miles of state and federal highways within the boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation. More than 33 percent of Chickasaw citizens live in rural areas served by the IRR system.

Several additional projects are scheduled to begin in the near

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Applications sought for tribal police force

Applications are now being accepted for chief of police and six police officers as the Chickasaw Nation begins developing its own police force.

Current plans are to locate the main police station and dispatch services in Ada. Satellite offices may also be added in other areas of the state, and up to six additional officers may be hired over the course of a year.

With thousands of tribal citizens, dozens of tribal offices and more than two dozen businesses in 13 counties, the formation of a police force is a natural next step for the tribe, according to Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby.

"We are forming a police force as part of our natural progression

toward self-governance," said Gov. Anoatubby. "Law enforcement is one of the most basic functions of government and we want to cooperate with federal, state and local governments in order to provide the most efficient and effective law enforcement services to all citizens in the Chickasaw Nation."

Jurisdictional issues are also involved in the tribe's decision to assemble its own force.

Much of the land owned by the Chickasaw Nation is held in trust by the federal government, effectively making it federal property, which can create complex jurisdictional issues for state and local law enforcement personnel.

Bureau of Indian Affairs Police officers have primary jurisdiction on tribal trust land.

Similarly, Chickasaw Nation officers will have primary jurisdiction on tribal trust land. They will also operate under cross-deputization agreements, effectively making additional officers available throughout the Chickasaw Nation.

Although some tribal officers may work a beat at tribal entertainment facilities and other businesses, they will not replace security guards at those facilities.

Applicants chosen will be required to attend 16 weeks of training at the Indian Police Academy in Artesia, New Mexico.

Some credit toward that training requirement may be given for prior completion of CLEET training and on the job experience. All officers, however, will be required to complete training on the jurisdictional issues involved in the job.

For information or application, contact Chickasaw Nation Human Resources, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, Okla.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Oil and gas discussion



Cherokee Chief Chad Smith speaks during a panel on the relationship between Indian nations and the oil and gas industry as co-panelists Governor Bill Anoatubby and Neal McCaleb contemplate his remarks.

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Duncan-area citizens hear of programs, projects

Community Dinner offers insight into tribal advances

DUNCAN, Okla. — Over 100 guests attended the community dinner on July 20 at the Simmons Center in Duncan. The guests were invited to learn about tribal services and progress of the tribe. The guests were later served a delicious meal by tribal employees.

From the arts, to health, to transportation, many information booths were displayed to familiarize Chickasaw citizens with programs and services offered by the tribe. Duncan area

Chickasaw citizens talked one on one with division representatives.

Governor Bill Anoatubby, tribal legislators, administrators and other Chickasaw Nation employees were present at the dinner. Also in attendance was special guest former legislator Pearl Carter-Scott. Mrs. Scott has been inducted into the Oklahoma Aviation and Space Hall of Fame and the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame.

Before the meal, guests watched a slide show showcasing progress the tribe is making “to improve the overall quality of life of the Chickasaw people,” Gov. Anoatubby told the crowd.

Gov. Anoatubby talked about recently opened projects, including the new Children’s Village in Kingston, the Family Life Center, Diabetes Clinic and the Purcell Senior Nutrition Site.

“We take our job seriously,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “We are servant leaders, here to serve Chickasaw people.”

Also featured in the presentation were upcoming projects in which the Chickasaw Nation is involved. Some of the projects included the Family Fun Center, Purcell Health Clinic, Pauls Valley Senior Nutrition Site, Treasure Valley Hotel and Restaurant, WinStar Hotel, Ardmore Wellness Center, Chisholm Trail in Marlow and the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

“Our most important investment is our people,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “In education, senior



Barbara Gains with youth services explains programs and services to Laura Pospech at the Duncan Community Dinner.

citizens programs and youth programs, just to name a few.”

Bill Lance, Chickasaw Nation Health System administrator, also spoke about the many services available to Chickasaw citizens. He urged citizens to take advantage of tribally

funded health programs like the hearing aid program, medical assistance program and eye glasses program.

Contributed by Becky Chandler, tribal media relations.



Sharron Gilmore from the Duncan Area Office talks to Debra Sparks about programs in the Duncan area.

Chickasaw Children’s Village Accepting Applications

KINGSTON, Okla. - Chickasaw Children’s Village is accepting applications for the 2004-2005 school year.

While the new facility is nearing its 80-student capacity, applications received after current space is filled will be placed on a waiting list.

Currently, there are eight cottages, designed to house 10 students and two house parents each.

The facility also includes a 12,000-square-foot multipurpose center, housing a recreation area, library, medical examination rooms, counseling rooms and administration offices.

Designed to succeed Carter Seminary in Ardmore, the new facility replaces the dormitory approach with individual cottages. Students at the Chil-

dren’s Village attend Kingston Schools, where many are also involved in a number of extra-curricular activities.

Students will begin arriving at the children’s village August 4 for pre-enrollment. Classes at Kingston Schools begin August 12.

Applicants must present a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood, an up to date immunization record, birth certificate, social security card and proof of insurance coverage or Sooner care coverage.

Applications are available at the Chickasaw Nation Headquarters, Carl Albert Indian Hospital and WIC centers.

For information, or to receive an application, call (580) 223-8547.

Pauls Valley Council hears repatriation details

The Pauls Valley Chickasaw Council invites all tribes, all ages, as well as all Chickasaws of the area, to their council meeting at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month. They have a new meeting place at 112 E. Paul, in Pauls Valley, the Community Room of the Chamber of Commerce.

The August 3, 2004 meeting included a talk on the Native American remains and artifacts repatriation program, by Gingy Nail, the election of new officers, and home made ice-cream. The new officers will be announced in the September *Chickasaw Times* and local papers.

Recent programs have been: the History of Indian Corn, by Lee Hester, Chairman of the Oklahoma City Choctaw Council and professor at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma at Chickasha; and the History of Indian Beading, by Pauline Rodke, who learned to bead at six years old from her Aunt JoLee Rodke. Future programs will include one about the Chickasaw bank, Bank2, and several musical presentations.

For more information, contact Pauline Rodke at 405-484-7219, in Paoli, Okla.

The Native American Senior Citizens of Garvin County are invited to a monthly lunch, every third Tues., at Catfish N Gator’s on Hwy 19, near Indian Meridian Road, in Pauls Valley.

A new senior citizen nutrition site is being built on Indian Meridian Road between Hwys 19 and 77. The completion date is expected to be September or October 2004. Watch local papers for opening date and any last minute updates.

Entrepreneurship Academy



Alexis Barnes works on her business plan while Jane Licata offers assistance to another student during the tribal Entrepreneurship Academy conducted June 21 through June 25 at Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

**Amara Ingle**

Amara Ingle celebrated her 9th birthday with family and friends. She turned 9 on July 3. Her party had a Hawaiian beach theme with a water balloon fight and slip and slide competition. Family and friends who attended were as follow; Mom, Juston, Keely, Chayton, Nonnie, Nana, Papa Craig and GiGi, Aunt Bobbi, Aunt Kim, Aunt Mary, Uncle Jason, Uncle Jatron and Aunt Dorothy, Me Me, Macy, Malerie and cousins Blake, Bryce, Jackson, Trevor and Autumn. Amara's parents are Angela and Juston Gambel of Madill and Randal and Shonda Ingle of Mannsville; grandparents are Janet Hart, Craig and Gwen Gambel, Devyrle and Linda Ingle and Mike and Rita Dunn, and great-grandparents Jerri Flint, Ernest and Violet McGahey and Ada Dunn. Late grandfather Charles "Ricky" Hart and late great-grandparents James "Junior" Flint, Paul and Dorothy Hart and James Dunn. We are very proud of Amara's achievements. Amara received the Top achiever award in her class this past May along with awards in music, writing, art, math and reading. She also finished the 3rd grade with straight A's while staying on the Chickasaw Nation Governor's honor roll the entire year. Congratulation's Amara and we love you very much!

**Brooklyn Carol Jamison**

Mom, Juston, Keely and Chayton Brooklyn Carol Jamison will celebrate her first birthday August 5, 2004.

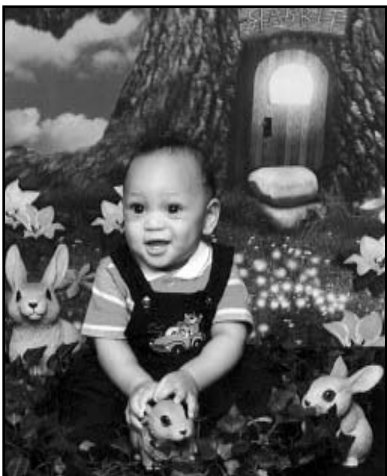
She is the daughter of Chris and Misty Jamison of Broken Arrow, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Boyd and Susan Roath of Wright City, Okla., and Thomas and Patricia Jackson of Tulsa. She has a wonderful big sister, Kalyn.

**Kallie Brooke Chapman**

Kallie Brooke Chapman will celebrate her first birthday August 7, 2004.

Kallie is the daughter of Allen and Karla Chapman of Coalgate, Okla. She is the granddaughter of George and Ione Haney, Dan and Ricky Loudermilk, and the late Al Chapman. She is the great-granddaughter of Mary Heck, Gladys Coffee and Lillian Haney.

Kallie has one very proud big sister, Alyson.

**Lawrence Thomas Williams**

Lawrence Thomas Williams celebrated his first birthday July 18, 2004.

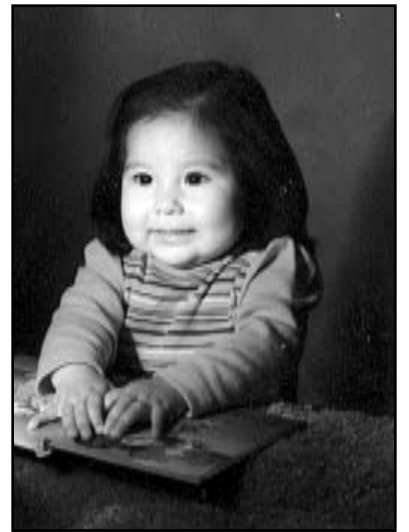
He is the son of Jennifer Lou Williams and the grandson of Phoebe Lou Williams and Thomas Raney Williams.

Aubri Lynn Brauning turned two on July 21, 2004. She celebrated with a birthday party at the Mekausukey Mission on Sunday, July 18, 2004 with her family and friends.

Aubri is the daughter of Justin Brauning and Amber Coon, Seminole, Okla.

She is the granddaughter of Jimmy and Kay Leader Brauning, Bowlegs, Okla., and Jimmy and Susan Denise Harjo, Seminole. She is the great-granddaughter of Helen Clifford Leader and the late Charley "Sonny" Leader, Bowlegs, and Wayne and Nelmon Brauning, Seminole.

Special guests at Aubri's birthday party were her great-great-grandma Mary Lois Goer Clifford and her great-great-uncle Ronnie Clifford, both of Ada.

**Aubri Lynn Brauning****Danya Hope Impson**

Happy 1st Birthday Danya! Danya Hope Impson will celebrate her first birthday on August 29.

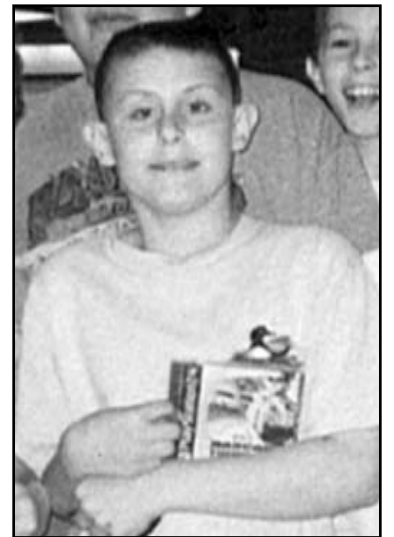
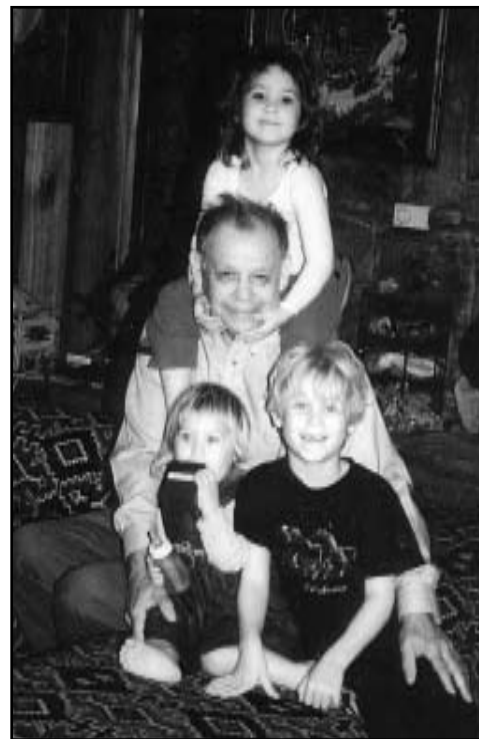
She is the daughter of John and Lisa Impson, Ada, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Quanah and Sherry Nail, Tucson, Ariz., and Gwen Impson, McAlester, Okla.

Garrick Harrison and eleven of his fellow Latta Panther friends celebrated his 11th birthday with a pool party at East Centra's Wellness Center, Ada, Okla., April 23, 2004. Several family members also enjoyed the celebration.

Garrick's family surprised him with a birthday dinner at Polo's Mexican Restaurant, Ada, on his birthday April 27, 2004.

Garrick is the son of Vickie Harrison, Ada, and Garry Harrison, Fittstown, Okla. He is the grandson of Sue Billingsley, Gordon E. Parnell and the late William F. and Mary Harrison.

Garrick is 1/4 Chickasaw.

**Garrick Harrison****Laura, Juliet and Wyatt Coe**

Laura, 4, Juliet "Mildy", 2, and Wyatt Coe, 7, are the children of Wayne and Robyn Coe of Glendale, Calif. They are the grandchildren of Robert and Faye Perry of Ada, Okla.

Our grandchildren are our pride and joy. What loving parents and grandparents teach them now will be given back ten fold to the Chickasaw Nation, the United States and the World.

Front row from left, Juliet Coe, Wyatt Coe. Middle row, Bob Perry, (grandfather). Back row, Laura Coe.

Chickasaw drama student in Washington intern program



Jessica Elmore

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Jessica Elmore, a native of Ada, Okla., and a junior drama student at the University of Oklahoma, has been accepted to participate in the Washington Internships for Native Students (WINS) program at American University, www.american.edu. Miss Elmore is a citizen of the Chickasaw and Choctaw tribes.

WINS provides American Indian students the opportunity to intern and earn academic credit in Washington, D.C. for free during the summer of 2004. The program is made possible for funding from the Theodore R. and Vivian M. Johnson Scholarship Foundation, Inc., federal

agencies, and other internship sponsors.

WINS is open to third or fourth year college or graduate level American Indian students studying at a tribal college or university who are majoring in business or a related major and/or planning to own and operate a small business. For nine weeks, Elmore will study in Washington, D.C., work at an internship, and participate in social and cultural activities.

The new program mirrors American University's Washington Semester American Indian Program. Now in its 12th year, the program strives to build students' leadership skills through internship experience,

course work and other program activities, and encourages students to bring those skills back to their communities. Students are chosen based on their grade point average, an essay, resume, and status as a tribal member and an enrolled student.

Students in the Washington Semester American Indian Program intern at one of the many sponsoring agencies such as the departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Energy, Labor, Transportation, Treasury, and Health and Human Services, the Social Security Administration, and Veterans Affairs. Students gain valuable work experience, but they also learn more about the interaction between the U.S.

government and their own tribal governments.

Located in Washington, D.C., American University is a leader in global education, enrolling a diverse student body from throughout the U.S. and more than 150 countries and providing opportunities for academic excellence, public service, and internships in the nation's capital and around the world.

For more information about the Washington Semester American Indian Program, go to www.american.edu/wins.

Births



Anastasia Theadora Carne

Anastasia (Itawamba) Theadora Carne was born May 19, 2004.

She is the daughter of Allegra and Steven Carne of Holly Springs, N.C. She is the granddaughter of Lanny (Itawamba) North, of Tustin, Calif., and a member of the Chickasaw Stickball team who defeated the Choctaw Stickball team in June 2004, and a member of the Chickasaw West Council.

She is the great-great-granddaughter of original enrollee Lanny (Itawamba) Mead and the great-granddaughter of Anita (Itawamba) Mead Herrell of Huntington Beach, Calif.



Camie Shae McGahey

Camie Shae McGahey was born May 29, 2004. She weighed 6 lbs., 14 ozs.

She is the daughter of Tayler Johnson and Brad McGahey of Ardmore, Okla.

She is the granddaughter of Dean and Tina Johnson of Ardmore, Chubby and Teri McGahey of Powell, Okla., and Mark and Cindy Slay of Willis Okla. She is the great-granddaughter of Jerry and Beverly Foster of Ardmore, Tommy Johnson, Ardmore, LaVerne Johnson of Lone Grove, Okla., and Bob and Larna McGahey of Powell. She is the great-great-granddaughter of O'dell Jones of Sulphur, Okla.



Maryanne Criswell

James and Cara Criswell, Ada, Okla., announce the birth of a daughter, Maryanne Denee Criswell. Maryanne was born 2:30 p.m., June 10, 2004. She weighed 7 lbs., 10 ozs., and measured 19 inches.

She joins a big sister, Sarah (Sadie) Marie Criswell, 4.

She is the granddaughter of Mary Criswell Coyne and Buck Coyne, Matilda Benson and Chebon Buck, all of Ada and the late Jerry Criswell.

Maryanne is wearing a dress worn by her grandmother Mary, great-aunt Anne Zimmerman, aunt Anne Criswell, aunt Spencer Criswell and sister Sadie Criswell.

She is a descendant of original enrollees Sarah and Cornelius Alexander and Everett Babe Benson, all formerly of Ravia, Okla.

Remember This

**We followed a trail of sadness
With heads held high
With heavy hearts
No turning back**

**No good to complain
Bitter winds offered little mercy
Frozen earth became
A sorrowful bed**

**Given no choice
We had to move
Given no choice
We buried our dead**

**Down deep in this dusty earth
Rest our family bones
The sadness lingers with us still
Yes, we will remember this
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Letter to Editor:

Our family has just gotten back from Kullihoma, "The Chi Ka Sha" reunion. We saw a lot of relatives and old friends and meet a lot of new friends. Our sisters and families from California, the Murrells and the Arnetts from Texas, came up for the first time and I think they all had a good time. We sure did.

I also want to thank Bobby Walker for the help and kindness he showed us all. We were lucky to get one of the few electrical hookups for our RV, which made it a lot more comfortable

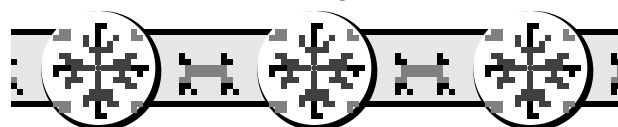
for us.

Bobby keeps the grounds so neat and he is always busy trying to help everyone. We feel he should get a lot more recognition for a job well done. He and his wife Debbie would come by to see if they could do anything for us. That little extra concern was very much appreciated.

So Thanks to Bobby and Debbie Walker and all that made our families feel welcome.

Hope to see you next year.

The Sellers and Seeley Families



For outstanding students in science and health

Chickasaw student in medical leadership forum



LACII CROW

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Miss Lacie Crow, a Chickasaw student from Calera, Okla., attended the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine (NYLF/MED) in Boston, from June 20 through June 29, 2004. Having demonstrated academic achievement and an interest in a career related to science and health, Miss Crow joined more than 350 outstanding high school juniors and seniors from across the United States at the conference. She learned first-hand from medical professionals about medical ethics, the global effects of infectious disease, genetic research, public health

and many other subjects relevant to the field.

"The National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine offers students like Lacie Crow a behind-the-scenes look of what it takes to become a medical professional," said Donna Snyder, executive director of NYLF. "The curriculum for the Forum on Medicine complements the classroom experience and allows its participants to gain an understanding of how to get to where they want to be within the universe of medicine."

Dr. Susan Briggs, the Chief of Trauma Services at Massachusetts General Hospital, set the tone for NYLF/MED in her opening address discussing international disaster relief.

"Disaster follows no roles. No one can predict its location or its intensity," Briggs said. "However difficult it is to incorporate relief work into your regular schedule, it is positive, rewarding and offers unbelievable payback every time. The medical profession needs more people willing to do this globally influential work."

Throughout the program, Miss Crow and fellow students experienced problem-based learning in a series of intense and stimulating simulations, many exercises of which are faced

by students in medical schools throughout the country. NYLF/MED culminated in the Public Health Symposium, in which students developed programs to directly impact their communities on the issues of adolescent health, care for the elderly and chronic disease, among others. The goal of the exercise was to encourage the students to develop and implement programs as leaders, addressing concerns on public health issues in their communities.

During NYLF/MED, students had the opportunity to visit some of the best institutions of medical learning and research in the country, including Boston Medical Center, Dupont Pharmaceuticals, Harvard Medical School, Providence VA Hospital and several others. Not only did students visit these renowned places, they also interacted with doctors, nurses, scientists and professors to gather a greater understanding of medical history, standards and trends.

"Many who participate in our program arrive thinking they have a clear idea of the type of medicine they want to practice," Snyder continued. "By opening new doors, students can confirm or adjust their professional plans accordingly, prior to college."

NYLF is a nonprofit, educational organization committed to empowering young people with the confidence to make well-informed career choices. For additional information, visit us at www.nylf.org.

2004 Chickasaw Nation JOM Summer School program



Students and teachers participating in the 2004 Chickasaw Nation JOM Summer School program include, front row from left, Stephanie Delfrate, Stonie Stepps, Beth Campbell, Malaysha Ham; second row from left, Linda Roberts, Kim Walton, Kellie May, Chris May, Devion McCoy, Mark Greenhoward, Nikkita Greenhoward, Ameena Johnson, John Impson; back row from left, Waylon Cottany, Diane Jacob, Donna Smith and Drake Daniels.

'Its About Money'

Overcoming obstacles, gaining confidence can occur at boarding school



J.D. Colbert

By J.D. COLBERT

In last month's paper, I read with great interest the story concerning the completion of Phase One of the Chickasaw Children's Village at Kingston. The 12,000 square foot multi-purpose facil-

ity is now complete. This facility houses a recreation area, library, medical examination rooms, counseling rooms and administration offices. Students are housed in various cottages as opposed to the old style dormitory approach.

Reading of the Children's Village reminded me of my own Indian boarding school experience. I attended Oaks Indian Mission School in Oaks, Okla. Like the students at the Children's Village who go to public schools in Kingston, the students at Oaks Indian Mission attended public school in Oaks.

Unlike the Children's Village, however, we were housed in a dormitory type facility. At the

time of my arrival, there were so many Indian kids at Oaks that we literally had many students sleeping on cots in the long hallways. We were definitely "jammed up and jelly tight."

I recently was afforded a wonderful opportunity to talk about my experience at Oaks and what my Indian boarding school experience has meant to me and my life. The 1801 Society, the fundraising arm of Oaks Indian Mission, had its first ever Annual Meeting and Fundraiser. I was asked to be the keynote speaker. This was both an honor and a bit of an irony as my very first public speaking experience occurred at Oaks.

It was truly a wonderful experience to see so many people

whom I haven't seen in decades. It brought back many touching memories of my time at Oaks. My first few weeks at Oaks didn't start out so well. Among other things, I became homesick. Very homesick. It was the first time that I had ever been away from my home and what was comfortable and familiar. In the end, I gained a great deal of self-confidence in discovering that I could overcome obstacles and achieve.

Thus, what I would wish the most for our Chickasaw children who are, or will, live at the Children's Village is that they too gain the self confidence that comes from being away from home and overcoming obstacles. In addition to the

formal education that they will receive, my hope and prayer is that our Chickasaw youth at the Children's Village will take away many long-lasting friendships, fond memories and a deeply rooted self confidence that will serve them well regardless of where their path in life might take them.

J.D. Colbert serves as Executive Vice President, Native American Services at Bank2. Bank2 is a growing \$60 million full service financial institution with its headquarters in Oklahoma City, OK. Bank2 is owned and operated by the Chickasaw Nation. It's About Money, is published monthly by Bank2, as a financial service to members of the Chickasaw Nation.

Chickasaw girls achieving high marks in school, rodeo competition



Taylor Johnson

Taylor Johnson a sophomore during the 2003 - 2004 school year at Dickson High School received the Dickson Indian Education Outstanding Student Award, Geometry Top Student Award, Biology II Top Student Award, Certificate of Outstanding Academic Performance in recognition of scoring in the top five percent of students taking ACT'S Plan Program in grade 10 in science and the 2004 Equine Science Agricultural Proficiency Award in Entrepreneurship. She has also been on the Chickasaw Nation Governor's Honor Roll every year for straight A's.

Taylor is not only a top student but she is also a top performer in rodeo. She won three champion saddles in 2003 from the Mid South Youth Rodeo Cowboy Association. One each for barrel racing, pole bending and team roping (header). She won an All-Around Champion saddle from S.O.S.U. Rodeo series where she competed in barrels, poles, goat tying, breakaway roping and team roping. She also received a Champion Team Roping saddle at the Hardy Murphy Coliseum. She has been competing in rodeos since age five and has won numerous awards, belt buckles and other prizes including another All-Around Champion saddle from the Oklahoma Junior Rodeo Association.

Taylor's nine-year-old sister, BaLee is following in her footsteps. BaLee received the Dickson Indian Education Outstanding Student Award for the third grade, runner-up Top Student Award with a 98 average, State of Okla. Achievement in Reading for reading 89 books, she is a member of the Six Flags 6 hour reading club and she has been on the Governor's Honor

Roll every year for straight A's.

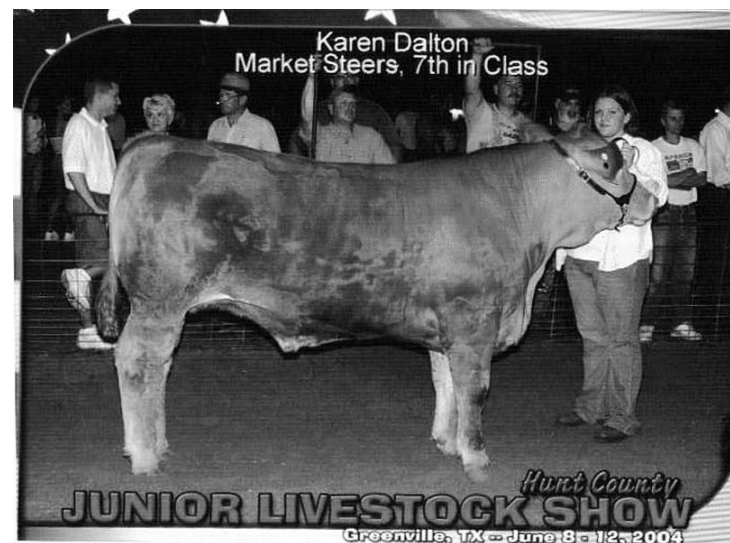
BaLee has been competing in rodeos since age three. She has received a Champion Barrel Racing saddle and numerous belt buckles, awards and prizes.

They are the daughters of Dean and Tina Johnson of Ardmore, Okla., and 3/8 Chickasaw. They are very thankful for all the opportunities that have been offered to them through the Chickasaw Nation.



BaLee Johnson

Good showing at livestock show



15-year-old Chickasaw Karen Dalton and her Simmental-cross steer Buddy.

Karen Dalton, a 15-year-old Chickasaw girl from Celeste, Texas, recently showed her steer, Buddy, at the Hunt County Junior Livestock Show.

Buddy was a 15-month-old Simmental-cross weighing 1,455 lbs.

Karen is the daughter of Dan and Denise Dalton. She attends Celeste High School where she will be a sophomore. She participates in 4-H, FFA and plays basketball.

Chickasaw accepted to UM Law School

Paul Porter, a Chickasaw from Ann Arbor, Mich., has recently been accepted to the University of Michigan Law School.

Michigan ranks as one of the top seven law schools in the country.

Porter is descended from the Pickens family.

Koby and Jubana Walk



Koby and Jubana Walk

Koby 4, and Jubana Walk, 2 months, are the children of Kely and Marci Walk. They are the grandchildren of Gary and Connie Walk and Grams Verlayne "Vale" Omeara.

JOM Tulsa Youth Conference



The Joint Tribes State Johnson-O'Malley annual youth conference was conducted at the Tulsa Hilton. Those attending were, front row from left, Beth Campbell (camp elder), Janet Johnston (camp elder), Jean Lam, Monica Seawright, Anita Anderson, Shala Buck, Jeri Underwood, Erin Underwood (camp elder), Jamee Steele. Back row from left, Waylon Cotanny (JOM Monitor), Joe Wallace (night watchman), Jeremy Wallace (night watchman), Shane Vietzke, J.J. Jacob, Jess Lam, Denicko Greenhoward, Josh Thompson, Lathisha Stick, Greg McCoy, Sarah Steele, Jon Wallace, Robert Pickens (Education Public Schools Manager), John Impson (JOM coordinator).

Tribal camps key to super kids' summer!

ADA, Okla. – From tennis to leadership and from space to football, this summer nearly 1,000 kids spent hours bettering themselves while attending Chickasaw Nation youth camps.

This summer the Chickasaw Nation offered a broad array of camps and academies, including: Champions Football Camp, Basketball Camp, Softball Camp, Tennis Clinics, Golf Camp, Leadership Camp, Entrepreneurship Academy, Camp Survivor and the Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy.

"Camps are about creating leaders, building confidence, learning teamwork skills and motivating each of them to do their best," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "We're very proud we have the opportunity to offer these camps to our young people. These services are designed to keep them on the pathway to achieving their dreams."

The vision of the Chickasaw Nation Youth Services is to enhance the overall quality of life of the youth in the Chickasaw Nation by providing the maximum opportunities to succeed and enjoy life.

"After attending the camps, kids can go back and use the tools they learned to accomplish goals they once thought were impossible," said Danny Wall, camps and recreations manager. "Whether its sports, academics or life, we hope these camps helped them overcome fears to accomplish their dreams."

Wall explained the golf camp and the tennis clinic are preparing youth for sports they can play for the rest of their life. Aside from improving in the sport, the camps also help promote healthy life-styles and physical activities in the future.

Likewise the football, basketball and softball camps provide instruction that will assist them in excelling in the sport they choose. The kids learn from some of the best athletes and coaches in the business, allowing campers to display their skills to possible recruiters.

The leadership and entrepreneur camps, as well as Camp Survivor focused on positive at-



Over 80 Kinds participated in the Chickasaw Nation Basketball Camp. Each camper received a t-shirt, trophy and basketball. Native American boys and girls from 7 to 14 years of age worked on improving their shooting, driving, passing and dribbling during the two-day camp. Campers learned from several local coaches, Oklahoma State University players Daniel Bobik and Frans Steyn and WNBA players La'Neishea Caulfield and Max Ann Reese.

titudes, teamwork, goal setting, discipline and building leaders.

Furthermore, the Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy (CNASA) teaches youngsters to "reach for the stars" in the career patch they choose.

"I feel the Chickasaw Nation is leading the way in reaching out to our young people. We hope to continue on this path in the future," Wall said.

More than 100 students from 10 to 18 years of age attended the **Champions Football Camp**, June 24 and 25, which featured instruction from a number of professional and college players as well as several area coaches.

Among the instructors were former University of Oklahoma quarterback Josh Heupel, who was joined by former OU teammates Quentin Griffin and Josh Norman. Griffith now plays for the Denver Broncos and Norman is a tight end with the San Diego Chargers.

Boys and Girls Youth Basketball Camp featured instruction from former University of Oklahoma stand out La'Neisha Caulfield, who now plays for the San Antonio Silver Stars, and former Michigan State player Max Ann Reese, now with the Houston Comets.

A number of other local coaches assisted with the camp.

Dozens of young ladies from 10 to 18 attended the **Girls Softball Camp**, July 7 and 8, which featured University of Oklahoma assistant coach Nickie Engelbrecht and graduate assistant Heather Heimbach, as well as a number of local coaches.

Students in first through twelfth grades received nine days of instruction at the **Junior Tennis Clinic**, which was conducted June 28 through July 2 and July 6 through 9.

Chickasaw Nation Junior Golf Camp offered beginner and intermediate sessions to accommodate the large number of applicants. Approximately 90 beginning golfers and 39 intermediate player received instruction from some 19 coaches at the camp conducted at Chickasaw Pointe Golf Course near Lake Texoma.

Camp Pelichi Ikbi, which in Chickasaw means to create leaders, is designed to help students develop leadership, self motivation and teamwork skills as well as teaching young people about tribal government and heritage.

Students at the camp are divided into small tribes which allows for close interaction with other campers and counselors.

Conducted through a joint effort of the Chickasaw Nation and Southeastern Oklahoma State University School of business, the **Entrepreneurship Academy** is designed to introduce the concept of entrepreneurship to high school age students.

Twenty Chickasaw youth participated in the academy, which allowed the students to visit local businesses and hear from local business owners.

Students at the academy also developed an idea for a business and wrote a business plan.

Editor's note: More extensive stories about the Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy and Camp Survivor

appeared in the July issue of CT.

Contributed by Tony Choate, and Becky Chandler, tribal media relations.



Jalena Walker, 13, of Byng practices behind-the-back passing at the Chickasaw Nation Basketball Camp.



Brett Jennings, 10, of Homer, focuses as he attempts a free throw at the basketball camp.



Oklahoma State's Daniel Bobik explains how to drive to the basket during the basketball camp July 19 and 20.



Champion Football Camp, Junior Golf Camp and Softball Camp



Following the closing ceremonies at the Champion Football Camp, kids got autographs from professional and college football players including Josh Heupel, Quentin Griffin, Torrance Marshall, Barry Hollermon and others.



Gov. Bill Anoatubby and former OU star quarterback Josh Heupel discuss football at the Champion Football Camp.



Kids stretch at the beginning of the Chickasaw Nation Champion Football Camp to prepare their bodies for the activities ahead.



East Central University head coach Tim McCarty and Denver Broncos player Quentin Griffin show campers proper form.



Tisha Cully connects during batting practice. She was one of 85 students who worked on improving their softball skills at the Chickasaw Nation Softball Camp.



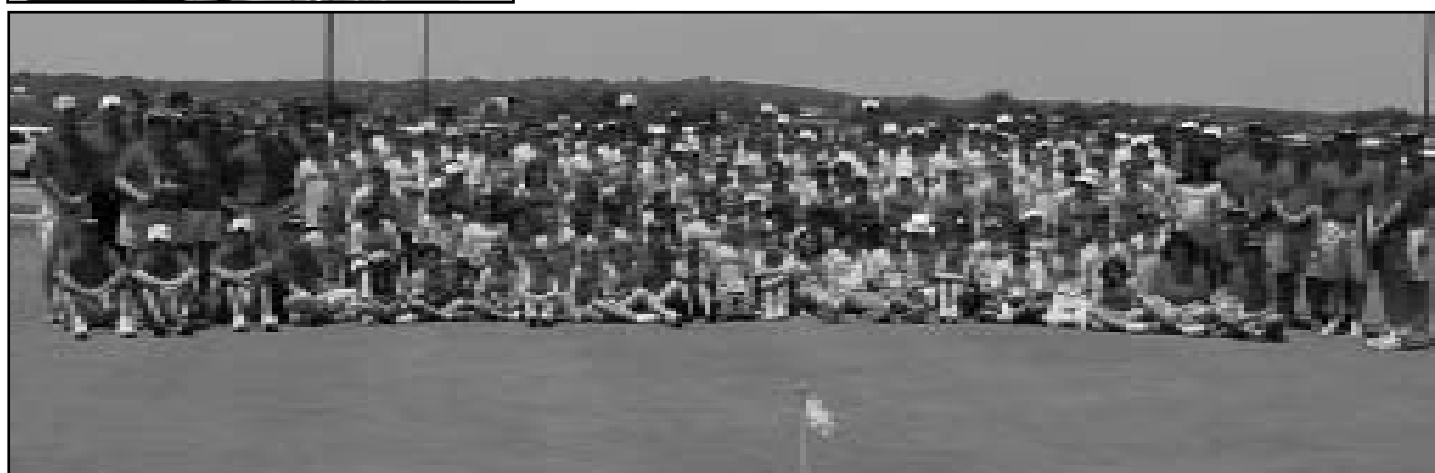
At the conclusion of Softball Camp, each participant received a personalized bat bag. Raven Fargo shows off her new bag after closing ceremonies.



Latosha Taylor, of Byng, pitches during a game at the Chickasaw Nation Girls Softball Camp.



Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby congratulates Cody Blaine at the Junior Golf Camp at Kingston. Cody was the 13-year-old putting, chipping and long drive competition male champion.



The beginner session of the Junior Golf Camp posed for a group picture. Around 90 beginner golfers attended the first session of the camp.



Gov. Anoatubby awards Jake Halverson the trophy as the 16-and-older putting competition champion during the advanced session of the Junior Golf Camp.



Tribal Leadership Camp and Tennis Clinic



Jonah Puller, left, and Emmett Farve assist Sasha Keck in walking along the elevated boards at Leadership Camp. The exercise focuses on developing trust.



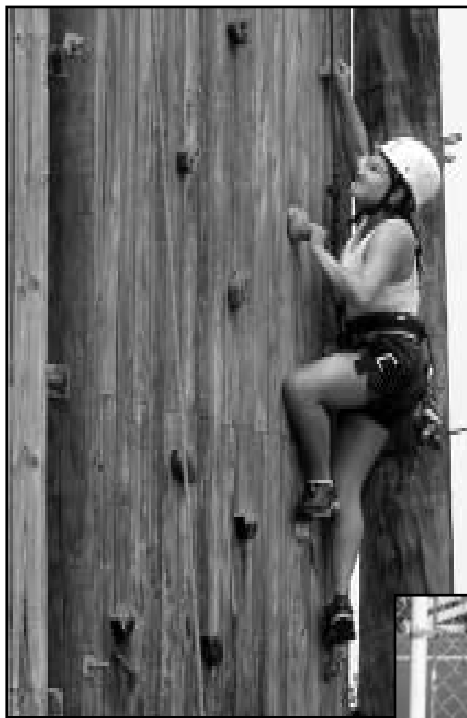
While standing on the log, youngsters at the Leadership Camp worked to get in order of the month they were born. The exercise proved teamwork was very important to complete the task.



Overcoming fear was a topic at the Leadership Camp conducted at Camp Simpson. The ropes course allowed campers to overcome their fear of heights.



Ethan Jackson, 4, of Byng, prepares to hit the tennis ball during the Tennis Clinic.



Learning how to overcome fears was one of many things campers learned while attending Leadership Camp. Campers took turns climbing up the ropes course wall while at Leadership Camp.



Above: Nine-year-old Samantha Ennis awaits her opponent's serve at the Tennis Clinic.



Allison Keel, 10, of Ada, readies herself for the serve at the Tennis Clinic.



Mercy LaFleur, 6, of Ada, shows off her swing at the Tennis Clinic sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation.



Young Chickasaw ballplayer meeting with diamond success



Kanan Wisdom

A young Chickasaw baseball player had a great summer full of fun and success.

Seven-year-old Kanan Ryan Wisdom, of Ada, Okla., played for both Lil' Shades of Red and Oklahoma Fire. Both are coach-pitch teams. Kanan played in tournaments across the state, including the Oklahoma State Coach Pitch tournament.

With Lil' Shades of Red, Kanan batted better than .500 and played exceptional defense at shortstop. He hit 15 home runs, nine triples and 19 doubles and had 65 rbis.

With Oklahoma Fire, Kanan helped win three first-place trophies. The team was also runner-up in the Oklahoma State AA West 8 and Under Coach Pitch tournament. Fire players

earned runner-up medals for their play.

In the state tournament, Kanan played left field, hit one home run and knocked in the winning run in the final inning of game two against the Henryetta Boomers.

Kanan also won two first place individual medals in the seven-year-old boys' base-running contest and home run derby.

Overall, Kanan won five trophies and five medals for his outstanding athletic talents on the baseball diamond. He is looking forward to playing on the 10 and under Oklahoma Fire team pitch squad. He will be able to steal bases for the first time in his career!

Kanan excels in the classroom as well as on the field. Kanan

received straight A's throughout his first-grade year at Homer School, and he earned reading and all-star spelling awards including a special Six Flags ticket for reading over 100 books during the school year!

Kanan attends Boiling Springs Indian United Methodist Church in Lula, Okla. He is 29/32 Chickasaw/Choctaw/Caddo and a proud registered Chickasaw member.

Kanan's greatest fans are his proud parents, Kevin and Debra Wisdom, of Ada; his grandparents, Darla Wolf, Noah Wisdom, Jr., and Louise Shields; his brother Brandon Lynch and his aunts and uncles Francine Parchcorn, Skip Wisdom and Candice Wisdom, all of Ada.

Kanan's great-grandparents



Oklahoma Fire, front row from left, Kanan Wisdom, Timothy Simpson, Joesph Nemecek, Grant Eastman, Osahwv Frazier. Second row from left, Hunter Fox, Xavier White, Hunter Needham, Sawyer Walton, Micah Simmer. Third row from left, coaches, Gary Fox, Joe Nemecek, Keith Eastman, Barry Needham, Jon Hamilton, Kevin Anderson.



'Lil' Shades of Red, front row from left, Michael Alexander, Kele Parnacher, Trevor Reed, Avery Logan. Second row from left, Matthew Walker, Kanan Wisdom, Thirkiel Wedlow, Dineh Bohan, Mandy Bennett. Back row from left, Coaches, Kevin Wisdom, Craig Parnacher, Haskell Alexander. Not pictured, Nathan Lewis, Travis Bruce, Sheila Bennett, Debra Wisdom, Shannon Parnacher.

lie Wisdom, Pontotoc, Okla., and the late Noah Wisdom, Sr.; Minnie Shields, Harden City, Okla., and the late Joe Shields; late Chickasaw original enrollee Jeff and Elsie Alexander, Allen, Okla.; and the late Paul and Rose Wolf, Anadarko, Okla.

Kanan enjoys playing, practicing and learning baseball and fastpitch softball by watching his relatives compete in Indian fastpitch softball tournaments every summer. Kanan's all-time favorite tournament is the huge OKC State All-Indian Men's Fastpitch tournament at Wheeler Ballpark, Oklahoma City held annually in July.

Kanan likes best meeting and playing with new kids at the biggest tournament of the year. Kanan has competed in the state tourney kids' base-running contest since he was three years old. In 2003, six-year-old Kanan won second place competing against two eight-year-old boys and was awarded a state tourney t-shirt.

Kanan plays baseball and basketball all the time, rain or shine, and plans on playing both professionally when he gets big.

Congratulations Kanan #32!

Good luck this Fall!

We are greatly proud of you!

Conservation Service providing financial help to landowners

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is the federal agency in the United States Department of Agriculture that provides technical and financial assistance to help landowners conserve, improve, and maintain their natural resources. This is accomplished, in part, by delivering some of the cost share programs authorized in the 2002 Farm Bill.

The Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) is the primary Farm Bill program administered by NRCS. EQIP is a voluntary program that addresses the most critical environmental issues on agricultural lands by

providing technical and financial assistance to correct identified natural resource problems.

Environmental issues are identified through a locally led process whereby input from local citizens is gathered at community meetings and ranked by community members. This process is one step to assure funds are being directed toward issues that are of importance to the local community. Each county has a list of environmental concerns unique to itself. Issues that can be tied to a specific area or watershed in a county may be designated as a Local Emphasis Area (LEA) and receive spe-

cial funding. Meetings in your county will be advertised in local papers. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this process.

In Oklahoma, there are also three natural resource concerns addressed as state wide priorities. Funding for Irrigation Water Conservation Measures is available for practices that reduce the amount of water used to produce a crop or convert the irrigated land to dry land crop or pasture. Funding is available in the area of Animal Feeding Operations/ Confined Animal Feeding Operations. Assistance is available for the development and installation of conservation practices

that address water quality in relation to animal waste management. Finally, funding is available under the Manure Transfer Resource Concern. This projects intention is to remove animal waste from Nutrient Limited Waters and Oklahoma's Scenic Rivers watersheds. An incentive is paid for the transfer and proper application of animal manure from these highly sensitive watersheds to areas that traditionally have not utilized animal manure as a fertilizer. Only individuals that have not purchased or applied animal manure in the past three years are eligible.

Contracts are 1 to 10 years and can include a wide range of conservation practice measures. The cost share rate ranges from 50% for most practices to a maximum of 75%. Beginning Farmers and Limited Resource Farmers may be eligible for up to 90% cost share on limited practices.

Visit your local NRCS office for information specific to your area. If you live outside Oklahoma, NRCS has an office in almost every county or parish in the United States and its Territories.

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Chickasaw high school students involved in UNITY conference

PHOENIX - Nine area high school students along with four adult chaperones representing the Chickasaw Nation recently returned from participating in the 2004 UNITY National Conference at the Gila River Indian Community near Phoenix.

UNITY, which stands for United National Indian Tribal Youth, brings together youth leaders from across the nation to voice their opinions and views on current events that are affecting their communities and homes.

The Chickasaw Nation, which has four youth council, was represented by Jeri Underwood and Stryder Going of Pontotoc District; Misha Harris of Pickens District; Sasha Big Hair and Samantha Hotema of Tishomingo District; and Erica McMillian of Panola District.

Representing the Chickasaw Nation martial arts program at the conference were Chris Bennett, Rachel Underwood and Ryan Ringle also members of Pontotoc District youth council.

Latisha Stick, another Pontotoc District youth council member, also attended as an UNITY 2004 executive council member at-large.

The conference agenda kept the local students very busy over the five-day event, conducting workshops, fitness activities and cultural exchanges. The youth received guidance in education opportunities, career choices, personal development, leadership, life skills, youth council development and community service. And several of the local contingents were active speakers at the workshops and also participated in talent shows.

Some of the many featured speakers at the conference included David W. Anderson, Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of Interior; actor Adam Beach, who played Ben Yahzee in the film *Windtalkers*; and Ernest L. Stevens Jr., national spokesman for the National Indian Gaming Association in Washington, D.C.

Youth councils from across the United States elected new officers at the conference, including Ada's Misty Airington. A

senior at East Central University who has participated in Chickasaw Nation youth councils for many years, including a stint as past president of the Pickens District youth council, Airington was elected female co-president for 2004-2005. Stick was also honored by being re-elected to her member-at-large post.

Also attending the conference were Chickasaw Nation Department of Youth Services employees, Toni Pace, Judy Knapp and Matt Clark.

Dear Governor Anoatubby,

Thank you so much for taking time out of your busy schedule to make sure the youth councils went to U.N.I.T.Y. The experience and skills we received from this trip are priceless. There is so much to life and you are helping us experience it to the fullest. Thank you so much for making my summer, along with my friend's summers, more enjoyable as well as enhancing the skills we have.

Respectfully,
Misha Harris
Chickasaw Nation Youth Council
Pickens District

Dear Governor Anoatubby,

Thank you sir for making it possible for me to have this opportunity to make this great even this year. Unity was very fun & enjoyable and I was able to learn and experience many new things.

Thank you very much.
Respectfully,
Ryan Ringle
Chickasaw Nation Youth Council
Pontotoc District

Dear Governor Anoatubby,

Thank you for supporting us on our trip to the National Unity Conference in Phoenix, Arizona. I had an awesome time in Arizona with all the other Native American youths. I think this was a very useful trip. We learned things about leadership and team work.

Thanks to you this trip was possible.
Respectfully,
Rachel Underwood

Chickasaw Nation Youth Council
Pontotoc District

Dear Governor Anoatubby,

Thank you so much for allowing me the opportunity to attend the UNITY Conference 2004 in Phoenix, Arizona recently.

I learned so much from other tribes. I enjoyed Cultural Exchange Night especially because of the presentations from visiting tribes. The workshops were informative and inspiring. The keynote speakers were passionate and touched on the major issues well. I feel like I have become a better leader because of the workshops and sessions. Every presentation and session touched my life in a special way.

I am privileged to have been chosen to attend the UNITY Conference and I thank you again for giving me this opportunity.

Respectfully,
Sasha Big Hair, President
Chickasaw Nation Youth Council
Tishomingo District

Dear Governor Anoatubby,

I would like to offer my deepest gratitude for the chance to experience a wonderful weekend at the recent UNITY Conference. Thank you for the money and time you offered us. This experience wouldn't have happened without you.

I have learned many new things about our culture and families and also about myself. Also, I learned how our council can help our communities.

Thanks again for this great opportunity.

Respectfully,
Erica McMillian
Chickasaw Nation Youth Council
Panola District

Dear Governor Anoatubby,

I want to thank you for allowing me the opportunity to go on the UNITY Conference trip to Phoenix, Arizona recently. It was an experience that I'll never forget.

The conference taught me a great deal about other cultures and my own culture. I will remember these new things

and I will share them with my people and my fellow council members.

Thanks for everything.
Respectfully,
Chris Bennett
Chickasaw Nation Youth Council
Pontotoc District

Dear Governor Anoatubby,

The UNITY Conference in Arizona has been one of the greatest experiences of my life.

I learned a lot about the tribes and their culture as well as my own tribe and culture. I had the opportunity to see the native dances of all of the tribes that were present at the Cultural Exchange Night. It was really inspiring to see so many native youth willing to learn about their heritage and ways to preserve it. And it was really amazing to see my own peers in large groups carrying on a conversation in their native tongue.

Not only was the conference fun, but the resort that we stayed at was unbelievable. The staff was generous, helpful and had a great sense of hospitality.

The journey back home was



Toni Pace and Judy Knapp stop a minute to take a picture with Adam Beach.

bittersweet because I'm going back home to my family and to see my friends and to share what I've learned with my youth council, but I'm leaving behind a great place with great people who I have strong bonds with.

Through this trip, I've had the opportunity to make friends from across the country, state and even my own town. These are friends who I will never forget and hopefully they won't forget me. Thank you.

Respectfully,
Stryder Going
Chickasaw Nation Youth Council
Pontotoc District



From left, Ryan Ringle, Rachel Underwood, Toni Pace, Misha Harris, Chris Bennett and Matt Clark take a ride on the Gila River Canal.

Family Reunion Scheduled

The Gibson, Carter, Fleetwood, Anoatubby, Wade and Litrell's families will be having a family reunion August 28, 2004 at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center located at the corner of Marlow Drive and Caddo Street, Marlow, Okla.

Everyone is asked to bring old pictures, negatives and family updates to the reunion. There will be a computer table

set up to scan pictures and negatives and to take update information.

Door prizes will be given. All attendees are asked to bring a vegetable, desert, or bread. Meat will be provided.

For more information call Mila, (580) 658-3702; Sissy, (580) 255-1534; Sheila, (580) 658-9105; or Deressa, (580) 255-7436.



Young Chickasaw women serving as Washington interns



From left, interns Lalanya Lines, Rachel Wyatt and Jennifer Barnes, Erin Diffie and Stacy Trent pose for photos in Washington, D.C.

Six Chickasaw students are gaining valuable hands-on experience and knowledge about the workings of the federal government as interns in a variety of government offices in Washington, D.C.

Internships are designed to help train students to work with leaders in the nation's capitol to address challenges facing tribal governments. The tribe selects and funds participants in the hope they will gain the experience and knowledge to become effective leaders and facilitate a continuing improvement in government-to-government relationships.

"Students selected to participate in this internship program are among the best and brightest in the nation," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "We expect these talented young people to take active roles in tribal and federal government and make a significant, positive impact in the very near future."

Jennifer Barnes, a third-year law student working at the Environmental Protection Agency, spends most of her time working to resolve legal issues associated with wetlands mitigation policy. She has, however, had the chance to literally get her hands dirty working with grass roots organizations.

"I have participated in various educational outreach programs that were created to heighten

awareness of the utility and function of the wetlands," said Ms. Barnes. "I spent a day planting rice in the Anacostia Watershed with school age children from the District of Columbia.

"These students, called the Rice Rangers, have taken the first step restoring the watershed to its historical levels of cleanliness. They realize that the Anacostia River is an important part of their community and have written poems expressing their appreciation and love for the plants, animals and scenery the river brings to their neighborhood."

Rachel Wyatt, who is participating in her fourth internship, graduated with honors from the University of Texas with a bachelor's degree in government. Her thesis on gender and public policy will soon be published.

Currently working in the office of U.S. Sen. Don Nickles (R-Okla.), Ms. Wyatt's duties include attending Congressional committee meetings on behalf of Sen. Nickles' staff and providing detailed analysis of current legislation. Previously, she worked for Congressman J.C. Watts and spent two years with the Department of Agriculture.

As her current internship comes to an end, Ms. Wyatt is actively pursuing a career in government. She thinks her experience in Washington has

helped her develop skills and forge friendships which will enable her to advance her career.

Kevin Kincheloe, a student at Southeastern Oklahoma State University, also works in the office of Sen. Nickles.

He has worked with a different staff member each week, helping him gain information and experience working on a wide variety of issues.

In addition to attending committee meetings and responding to constituent mail, he has also given tours of the Capitol and the Hart Senate office building.

"The tours are a lot of fun, because the people are usually fellow Oklahomans, so you get to know some good people from back home," said Mr. Kincheloe.

Lalanya Lines, who is working in the Indian Health Service Office of Tribal Self Governance, says her experience has helped her learn a great deal about Tribal Self Governance.

Rather than the insignificant tasks and busy work the term intern sometimes brings to mind, Ms. Lines said her work includes assisting with research projects and document revisions. She has also had the opportunity to attend meetings between tribal leaders and members of the self governance office.

Her experience has cemented her plans to find a career in government.

"I definitely plan to make a contribution to Indian country either federally or locally," said Ms. Lines. "Being in D.C. has shown me that there are several organizations doing their very best to provide assistance to Indian country. That positive energy has encouraged me to make a contribution to Indian country as well."

Erin Diffie and Stacy Trent have spent a majority of their time helping the National Indian Health Board prepare for their annual Consumer Conference, which will be conducted August 8 through 11 in Oklahoma City.

They have contacted dozens of tribes, encouraging them to publish information about the conference. They have also contacted art galleries and museums to explain the vendor

opportunities associated with the conference.

"The most interesting part of my work is the day-to-day knowledge that I gain about the interaction between the U.S. government and Indian country," said Ms. Trent. "It is fascinating to realize the depth and intricacies of not only our great federal government, but also how the two sovereign governments work hand in hand."

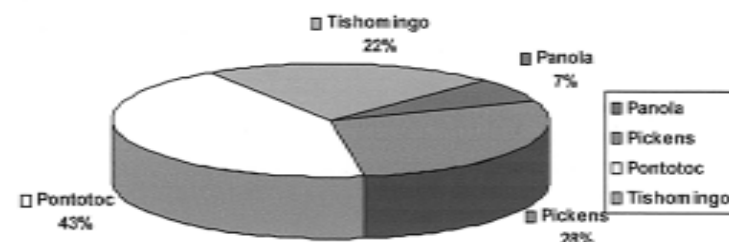
Ms. Diffie echoed the sentiments of all the interns when said she would recommend the experience to anyone.

"It's a great experience," said Ms. Diffie. "It's a great opportunity to meet people. Any body who has an opportunity to do this really ought to do it."

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Count of Voters by District

Panola	1,230
Pickens	5,318
Pontotoc	8,055
Tishomingo	4,062
Total	18,665



Indian remains, funerary items interred at Brentwood

By **RICHARD GREEN**
Contributing Writer

The ceremony began last June 11 at 5:29 a.m., when the sun began creeping over the horizon in middle Tennessee. Remains of some 66 ancient Indian people, including men, women and children, and the objects they held most dear had been specially prepared to be re-buried by a delegation of Chickasaws led by Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel. The remains and funerary items would be buried in a location not far from where they had been accidentally unearthed in 1997 when the town of Brentwood began construction of a new library.

The 45-minute ceremony consisted of prayers and songs, all in the Chickasaw language. Some in the delegation do not speak Chickasaw fluently, but it wasn't important that they didn't understand all of the speakers' words. It was also not important to them that there was no scientific proof that some or all of these 66 individuals were ancestral Chickasaw.

On the other hand, they did understand the importance of the ceremony and considered it an honor to be there to assist. At the conclusion of the ceremony,

they knew they had played a role in freeing the spirits of these thousand-year-old people to continue their journey.

Sometime around 1350 to 1450 A.D., the descendants of these Indian people abandoned their village that overlooked the river and flood plain beyond it. Because they lived in the Southeast between 900 and 1600 A.D., they are called Mississippian Indians by archaeologists. No one knows why this individual group abandoned their village. But their departure was characteristic of most other Mississippian groups during the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. Some were breaking away and some were moving en masse. They were not all moving simultaneously, but when they did, they were not only changing locations, they were changing the way they governed themselves.

The authoritarian chiefdom style of governing, represented sometimes by large earthen mounds, was disintegrating. As the Indians deserting the chiefdoms eventually amalgamated (to some extent) and settled into new villages, they emerged to the early European colonials as so many little republics.

Numerous possibilities have been advanced to explain why

individual Mississippian villages like the one at Brentwood were abandoned. Some or all of the following factors may have contributed to what appears to archaeologists to be Indian people in flux across the Southeast. The people may have used up the supply of timber for their houses and fires, or they may have been vanquished in battle, or decided that they could no longer successfully defend their village. There may have been a killing outbreak of illness brought by the earliest white men, such as Hernando de Soto. Perhaps, a severe and prolonged drought resulted in famine. These or other devastating natural phenomenon might have led the priests to declare that the location was too polluted (or unsafe) for continued occupancy. At any rate, the archaeologists who did the excavating at the Brentwood Library site found no evidence that it had been occupied by anyone since the fifteenth century.

When the human remains and burial objects were unearthed, construction stopped and the state division of archaeology was contacted to do a survey. It was determined that only a portion of the Mississippian village would have to be excavated. The city of Brentwood obtained a

routine court order from a local judge to "terminate the cemetery." This would permit the remains and artifacts that were impacted by construction to be removed and handed over to the state archaeologist so construction could continue. According to Tennessee law, the remains were required to be re-interred within a year, but there was no provision covering the funerary objects.

No Tennessee judge in anyone's memory ever had refused to terminate an Indian cemetery. The reason was that the court would only allow opponents of the termination to testify in court if they could prove that they were direct descendants of the Indians buried in the cemetery. The Chickasaw Nation and others successfully challenged that precedent in another Tennessee court, claiming that Indians should be granted standing as credible witnesses to testify in opposition to the proposed termination. However, the state appeals court overturned the lower court's decision.

The court order in Brentwood was signed by the judge about the time the Chickasaw Nation was alerted about the Brentwood excavation by undocumented Indians (no federally recognized tribes are located within Tennessee) who were observing the archaeologists. A Chickasaw historic preservation officer named Jerry Bray called the state archaeology office for a status report. Bray was told that state officials were handling the excavation in conformity with state law. Federal law didn't apply because the land was not federal and no federal funding was involved. Bray told the archaeologist that the Chickasaws had a "substantial historical interest" in Tennessee and recommended that the tribe be consulted. The official was polite, but let Bray know that the state could look after its own affairs.

Feeling that some of the prehistoric remains could be ancestral Chickasaw, then Lt. Gov. David Brown wrote Nick Fielder, Tennessee state archaeologist, asking him to arrange a meeting of the principals in Brentwood. Brown and Jefferson Keel, then an aide to Gov. Anoatubby, represented the Chickasaws.

While Fielder said there was no archaeological evidence that Chickasaws ever settled in the Brentwood area, he did consider "the Chickasaw tribal government to be a potential claimant" to the material under federal provisions because their historic hunting lands extended into middle Tennessee.

Gov. Anoatubby sent Brown and Keel to Brentwood because he felt that any time human remains "could be those of our forefathers, we have an obligation to do something." The Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes asked the Chickasaws to represent them in Brentwood. Other potential claimants recognized by Fielder, the Shawnees and the Eastern Band of the Cherokees, also asked the Chickasaw to take the lead in the effort to re-bury the remains and artifacts together.

Fielder's references to tribal claims notwithstanding, the Chickasaws did not claim nor would not claim the remains and burial objects. Gov. Anoatubby only desired to re-bury them together. In his affidavit filed in the Brentwood case, Fielder stated that the artifacts would be held by the archaeology division and eventually be made available to claimants under federal law.

Removal of the remains and artifacts from the library site took about three months and cost Brentwood more than \$100,000, and some negative publicity when a local Indian group, the Alliance for Native American Indian Rights, used the media to charge that while Brentwood officials talked about minimizing the removal of burials, their number one goal always was to finish the building on time.

Even before the library's construction was completed, discussions were held to find ways to help prevent such confrontations in the future. One recommended way was to amend the state burial law. Invited to testify before a Tennessee legislative committee, Jefferson Keel recommended that the law be changed to permit the re-burial together of human remains and burial goods that were found collectively. In due course, the legislature accepted the recommendation and amended the law.

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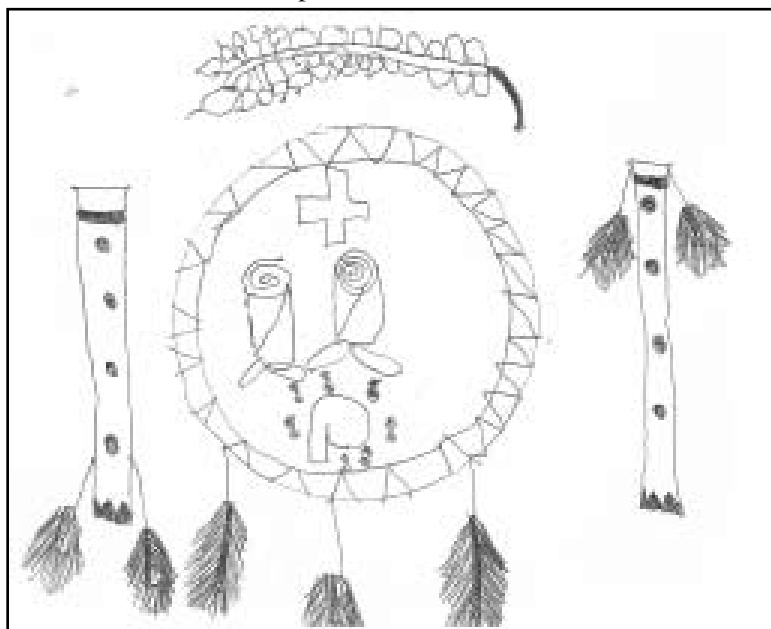
Cultural Evening T-Shirt, Flyer & Patch Design Contest

Congratulations to Ms. Nacobi Walker who was selected as the winner of the Chickasaw Foundation's Cultural Evening T-Shirt, Flyer & Patch Design Contest. The Chickasaw Foundation will award Ms. Walker a monetary prize of \$100 for her Foundation Dreams design. Nacobi's design will also be utilized on the Cultural Evening's t-shirt as well as flyers promoting the event, and patches which will be earned by Boy Scout and Girl Scout groups.

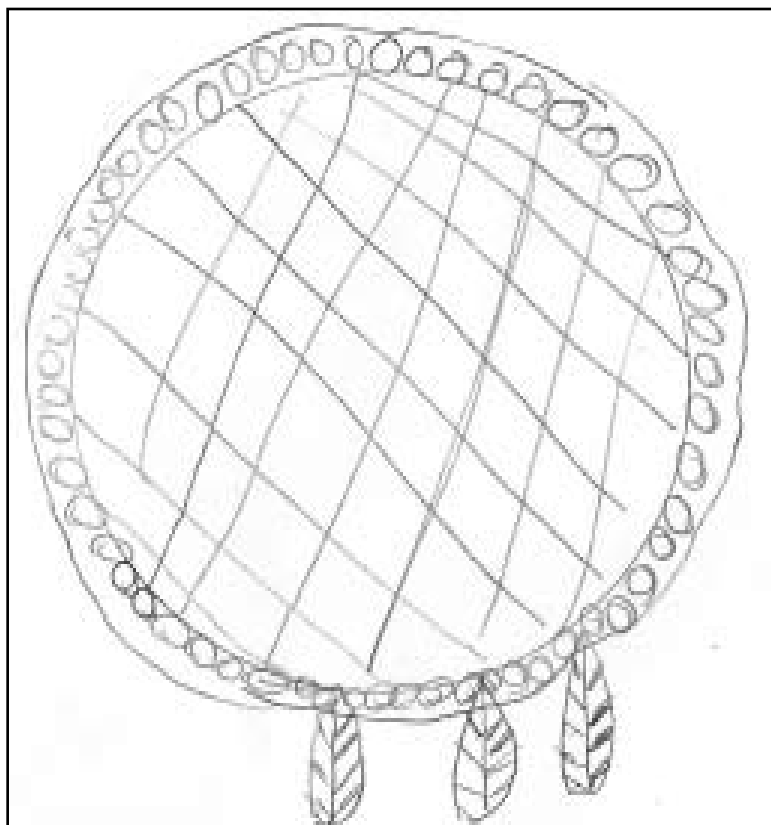
Ms. Cherokee Durant placed

second with her Chickasaw's Mystery picture, and she will receive \$75. Ms. Alexis Walker placed third with her Dreamcatcher design, and she will receive \$50. Keep up the good work!

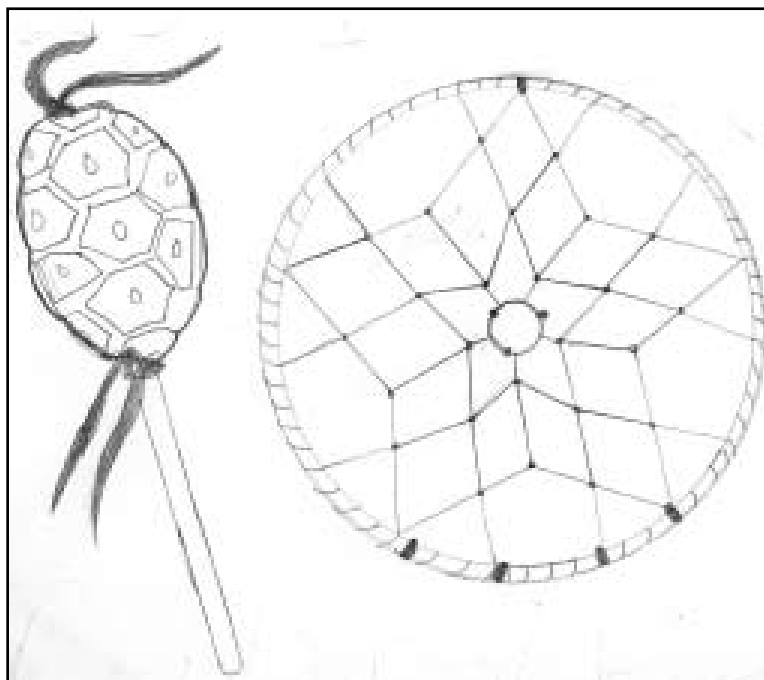
The Foundation also appreciates the entries submitted by Cheyenne Durant and Dylan Walker. Thank you, both! Each child who entered the contest will receive a \$5 Wal-Mart gift card in appreciation for their hard work and effort.



Chickasaw's Mystery - This shows the pipes, the deer skin shield, the olive branch, the sun symbols, and our new state flowers to show our tribe's spirit.



Dreamcatcher - Chickasaws are making dreams come true.
Alexis Walker, age 7 - 3rd place.

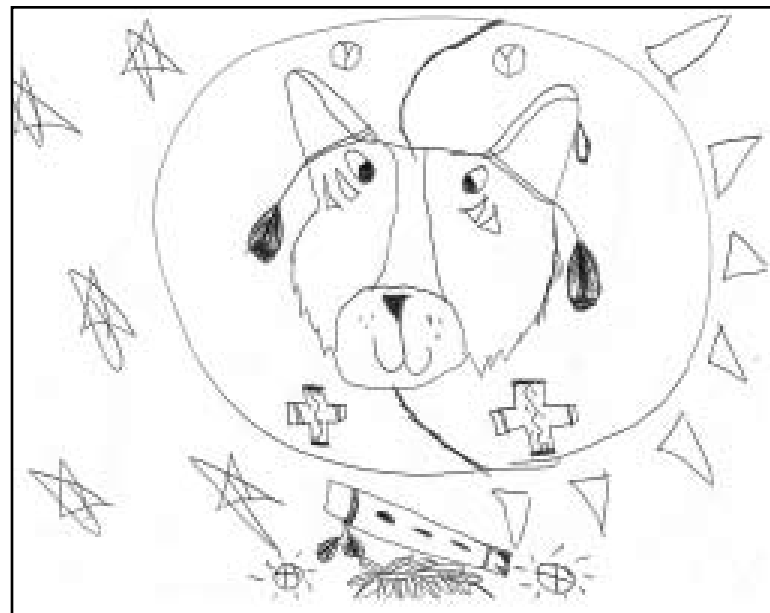


Foundation Dreams - Sharing the culture and dreams of the Chickasaws!

Nacobi Walker, age 12 - 1st place.



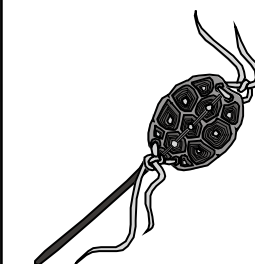
Foundation president Deanna Hartley-Kelso presents the second place award in the Chickasaw Foundation Cultural Evening art contest to Cherokee Durant, as sister Cheyenne looks on.



The Fox of Chickasaw Dreams - The fox is one of the animal totems in Indian religion. Animal totems are models that represent spirits. The fox represents cunning. Cheyenne Durant, age 12.



Foundation president Deanna Hartley-Kelso presents the third place award in the Chickasaw Foundation Cultural Evening art contest to Alexis



Chickasaw Boy - This happy Chickasaw boy is wearing his ribbon shirt. Dylan Walker, age 5.



Chickasaw Foundation president Deanna Hartley-Kelso presents the first place award in the Chickasaw Foundation Cultural Evening art contest to Nacobi Walker.

Pride in Homeownership Yard Contest June 2004 winners

Two homes from each legislative district were chosen to receive the Legislative Award. The Legislative Award entitles the homeowner to a certificate and a free month's rent.

The Lt. Governor's Award is then selected from the Legislative Award winners. The Lt. Governor's Award is a \$50 gift certificate to Wal Mart. The Lt. Governor's Award winner for June 2004 is Jennifer Romine.

This contest will run through August and all current participants in our Homeowners Program are eligible to enter by calling (580) 421-8855.



Ronald Bond - Pontotoc District



Curtis Hughey - Pontotoc District



Claude Asbery - Pickens District



Jeannie Smith - Pickens District



Joe Beshirs - Tishomingo District



Jennifer Romine - Tishomingo District

Chickasaw Foundation hosts student field trips

The Chickasaw Foundation Educational Talent Search (ETS) program had a busy spring season filled with exciting career-oriented field trips. Two of the trips included the Dallas Zoo and the Oklahoma Aquarium. The groups were able to get a "Behind the Scenes Tour" of both facilities.

At the Dallas Zoo, the groups saw the Commissary where all of the food for hundreds of animals is stored and prepared. Did you know that elephants eat over 500 pounds of food every day? The group was also able to go inside the zoo's animal infirmary, and the tiger and monkey cages.

At the Oklahoma Aquarium, located in Jenks, Okla., the group received special treatment. Students were taken to the top of the shark tank for an up-close look at the eight sharks on display. Did you know most sharks stay in constant motion, even while they sleep?

As for current events, a

few of the Foundation's recent recruits attended a brief, two-session, workshop about the science and career opportunities in Astronomy! A guest lecturer from East Central University, Dr. Carl Rutledge, visited the Murray State College campus to demonstrate the use of telescopes while leading discussions about Astronomy and related fields. It was out of this world!

The first Educational Talent Search Summer tutoring program was a booming success! The Foundation sponsored two summer schools (Ninnekah and Waurika) with the result that 16 students received remediation for math and English. Nine of those students would have been destined to repeat the previous year if not for the assistance of the ETS tutoring program.



Jeremy Cobb, Bridgecreek Middle School and student of the Chickasaw Foundation Educational Talent Search program, takes a look at the large catfish at the Oklahoma Aquarium at Jenks, Okla.

James Adair and the Chickasaws, Part II

The Way of the Chickasaw Warriors

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Contributing Writer

Author's Note: In last month's Times, I wrote that James Adair's book, History of American Indians, was an indispensable source of information for those wanting to learn about the tribe's culture in the turbulent 18th century. In addition to describing how Adair came to write the book and publish it in 1775, I summarized three important essays on Adair's life, especially the parts associated with the Chickasaws, with whom he lived on and off from 1744-68. Those essays as well as Adair's book are available in the tribal library in Ada. The book also is in the collection of most university libraries, or may be obtained through the Inter-Library Loan program. All editions of Adair's book are out of print, but a new edition will be published by the University of Alabama Press this fall.

In 1744, the English trader James Adair, then in his early 30s, guided a packtrain of trade goods into the Chickasaw Nation and began both a remarkable business and friendly relationship with the tribe that lasted more than two decades. Though he traded with other tribes, and was often en route between English trading depots such as Charles Town and Augusta and villages in the Indian nations, he spent more time by choice with

the Chickasaws

When he departed from "my dear old friends" the Chickasaws for the last time in 1768, he took with him a book-length manuscript that he was determined to see published. In more than 500 pages of manuscript, Adair wrote what he had witnessed and been told throughout his long career as a trader and English agent. Because he favored the Chickasaws for many reasons, not least of which was their loyalty to the English, his manuscript contained more about their culture than any other tribe.

He came into the Chickasaw country with a decade of experience trading with the Cherokees and Catawbas. Near the end of that time, he met a band of Chickasaws who were living near Fort Moore, on the Savannah River, which divides South Carolina from Georgia. In 1723, the Chickasaw Nation was invited by the Carolina governor to relocate to this area. A band of about 80 under the leadership of Squirrel King (a title, not a name) had accepted and, through a mutually beneficial arrangement, been living there ever since.

From these eastern Chickasaws, Adair learned to speak their language and probably received something like a verbal letter of introduction to their brothers and sisters in the

homeland area in what is now modern-day Tupelo, Mississippi. Adair wanted to establish a trading relationship with the Chickasaws to make a living and serve British interests. So he set off on his initial journey in 1744, traveling on the same trail that had been taken by predecessors such as Thomas Welch, the first known trader to journey to the Chickasaws at least a half century before.

It was not only an arduous trip, but also a dangerous one. The French had learned the hard way in the 1730s that their enemy, the Chickasaws, could not be exterminated through a decisive battle. Though extermination was still the French goal in the 1740s, it would be achieved through attrition, as the Chickasaws were a relatively small tribe living in and defending an area of about four square miles. The French and their Indian allies isolated and cut the Chickasaws off, killed and captured women in the fields and members of small hunting groups. Raiding parties also destroyed property, burned crops and intercepted English packtrains bound for the Chickasaws. According to the strategy, the Chickasaws eventually would run out of food and supplies and be forced to leave their homeland or die trying to defend it

This was a long-term strategy, which was plied relentlessly by the French and their Indian allies (principally the Choctaws) throughout most of Adair's association with the tribe. Knowing this history puts Adair's book in perspective for modern readers, and sets the stage for understanding the character of the Chickasaw people, and how traits such as extraordinary self-discipline, fierceness in battle and a passion for liberty contributed to their survival.

But before I proceed, I must deal with the problem faced by most reviewers of Adair's book. One of its biggest shortcomings is that the author often did not identify the tribe whose practice or custom he was describing. This is particularly true in the last of the book's three major sections, "General Observations

on the North American Indians," which is handled topically. So for example, he writes in detail about a three-day love ritual, and the celebrants are "Indians." Is this laziness or indifference on Adair's part? Could Indians be a generic term for the familiar Southeastern tribes?

Or was it understood, at least by him, that "Indians" referred to his favorite Indians, the Chickasaws? There are reasons to think this may be true beyond the bond that existed between him and a generation of Chickasaws. Of the Indian languages he was familiar with, he seemed to be fluent only in Chickasaw, which would greatly facilitate his understanding of Chickasaw culture. He used Chickasaw words and phrases in several passages of the book with references to "Indians." Furthermore, the two other major sections of Adair's book contain more references to Chikkasah (his spelling of Chickasaw) than to other tribes. References to Chikkasah abound even in the segments titled Choctaw, Muskoghe, Cherokee and Catawba.

Perhaps most importantly in this essay on how the Chickasaws' character helped them to survive their enemy's extermination plan, we know that with respect to Adair's references to war and warriors, he had far more experience with the Chickasaws. He not only observed their meticulous, ritualistic preparation for battle, but at times he fought alongside the warriors. He did this to protect himself and his wares and to defend their homeland.

Adair wrote that all tribal people are equal, in terms of personal liberty. Recognition was based on merit, by demonstrating superior "virtue, oratory or prowess." Such demonstrations, however, did not stem from a yearning for acclaim, but for the honor of living and dying in defense of their country. "Every warrior holds his honour, and the love of his country, in so high esteem, that he prefers it to life, and will suffer the most exquisite tortures rather than renounce it," Adair wrote.

Headmen rewarded warriors with a title reflecting their ex-

ploits. But the warrior's fulfillment came by exacting blood revenge for the death of one of their own, or inspiring younger warriors to similar acts of valor in seeking revenge or protecting the tribe. Warriors never fought for hire, but for "wreathes of swan feathers," apparently a symbol of service to the nation. As Adair quoted the great war chief Payamataha, addressing a delegation of Muskoghe (Creek), "we shall certainly live and die, in such a manner as not to sully the ancient character of our warlike fore-fathers." That explains, Adair wrote, why the warriors never deserted in battle.

War was most often waged to avenge the killing of a tribal member. But even while the blood of the would-be avengers ran hot, they understood that a religious protocol had to be observed, beginning with a "war captain" publicly announcing his intent to pursue or invade the enemy. With red and black flags (symbolizing blood and death) draped around his winter house, the captain circled it three times while beating a drum.

Then, selected warriors and family members of the murdered Chickasaw armed themselves and entered the captain's circular winter house. There, over the next three days and nights, they purified themselves for spiritual protection by drinking a specially consecrated porridge of roots and herbs. During this three-day fast, older warriors watched the younger warriors carefully, to insure that they would not weaken and eat food, thus possibly incurring the wrath of "the sacred fire" against the avengers.

If this regimen was not demanding enough, they were to take no sustenance at all and remain standing throughout the day-light hours. While on the trail, they continued the fast and refrained from resting during the day. The more rigidly they observed these strictures, they believed, the more likely the diety was to grant them success.

After the three days of fast and purification in the winter

CN Library host Scholastic Book Fair



Clifford the Big Red Dog and Berenstain Bear help Kyle and Shannon Treat choose a book during the Chickasaw Library Scholastic Book Fair, July 5 - 9, 2004.

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Luncheons for breastfeeding moms across the Chickasaw Nation

WIC celebrates World Breastfeeding Week

The Chickasaw Nation Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program will celebrate World Breastfeeding Week August 1-7. The 2004 World Breastfeeding Week theme is "Exclusive Breastfeeding: The Gold Standard of Infant Nutrition."

During the month of August, Chickasaw Nation WIC is celebrating World Breastfeeding Week by hosting luncheons to honor breastfeeding mothers. All parties will be at the respective Chickasaw Nation WIC office from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00

p.m. The party dates and locations are: **Ardmore**, Monday, August 9; **Purcell**, Wednesday, August 11; **Ada**, Thursday, August 12; **Tishomingo**, Monday, August 16; **Duncan**, Wednesday, August 18; **Pauls Valley**, Thursday, August 19; and **Sulphur**, Friday, August 20. For more information, call (888) 436-7255.

During World Breastfeeding Week, information booths will be displayed in the Carl Albert Indian Hospital lobby in support of breastfeeding moms

and families.

The Chickasaw Nation WIC program is also excited to announce the continuation and enhancement of the Breastfeeding Peer Counselor program. This program provides local support



and assistance to moms from other moms who have successfully breastfed. Peer counselors are located in Ada, Purcell, Ardmore and Duncan. Debra Cox, Lactation Consultant in Ada, can be contacted at (580) 421-4581.

Exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months of life means the infant receives only breast milk from his or her mother, expressed breast milk or donor milk. No other foods or drinks, with the exception of vitamins, mineral supplements, or medicines, are offered during this time period. After six months, breastfeeding should continue until the child's first birthday,

with complementary and supplementary foods.

"My experience is that since breastfeeding is the natural way of feeding there is less spitting up and less intolerance than we see with the artificial formula,"

said Dr. Richard McClain, M.D. and Chickasaw Nation Health System chief of OB/GYN. "Other potential benefits include a lower chance of colic and

better bonding between mom and baby."

Why exclusive breastfeeding? Because it is:

- **SAFE** - Breast milk contains protective factors which help prevent and fight infections and reduce the risk of allergic conditions, particularly asthma.

- **SOUND** - Nutrients in breast milk are present in the right quantity and they are of special quality. Formula and other foods contain nutrients in differing amounts, and of very different quality.

- **SECURE** - Breast milk is always available.

In most cases, breast milk sup-

plies all a baby needs for the first six months of life, including all of the necessary water. To ensure her baby gets enough milk, a mother needs to:

- Be confident that she can do it and know that her milk is the safest and soundest nutritional choice for her baby. Seek help from sources such as WIC staff, Lactation Consultant at your local hospital or a breastfeeding educator.

- Start breastfeeding soon after delivery to help stimulate milk production.

- Know proper latching techniques so the baby can suckle effectively.

Allow the baby to nurse frequently, whenever he or she wants, both day and night. This is called demand feeding or baby led feeding. Let the baby continue to nurse for as long as he or she wants, at each feeding.

Join the Chickasaw Nation in supporting breastfeeding mothers during World Breastfeeding Week.

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CHRs team up to promote elder health screenings



Pamela Aguilar checks Overton "Buck" Cheadle's pulse during a recent health screening at the Ada senior citizen site. The screening was part of a cooperative effort between Chickasaw Nation Community Health Representatives and National Relief Charities to provide incentive awards to those participating.

National Relief Charities Health Screening

Chickasaw Nation Community Health representatives recently teamed up with National Relief Charities to provide incentives for seniors to participate in basic health screening.

More than 65 seniors at the Ada senior site each received a small gift for having their pulse, blood pressure and blood sugar checked.

National Relief Charities provided the gifts as part of their incentive program.

Community Health Representative Pamela Aguilar said the incentive program more than doubled participation in the health screening.

The mission of National Relief Charities is "To help Native American people improve the quality of their lives by providing opportunities for them to bring about positive changes in their communities."

NRC receives substantial donations from corporations in the form of goods and monetary donations, which it uses to purchase goods at a substantial discount. Those goods are distributed with the help of local volunteers to help NRC achieve its vision of "strong, self-sufficient Native American Communities."

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Carl Albert Hospital hosts conference

African physicians study infectious disease control



Carl Albert Indian Hospital was the third stop for an international visitor leadership program that focuses on fighting infectious diseases. The group met with several Carl Albert doctors discussing various public health concerns.

ADA, Okla. - Eleven health-care professionals from Sub-Saharan Africa visited Carl Albert Indian Hospital July 9 to discuss combating infectious diseases. The international visitors are

among those responsible for helping to formulate and implement public health policies that will stem the spread of infectious disease.

"We're thrilled that Carl Al-

bert has been chosen the last few years to host the international healthcare leaders," Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said. "Just as combating infectious diseases is important

our guests, fighting diseases that often plague Native Americans, like diabetes, is important to us."

While at Carl Albert, the visitors talked extensively with several doctors, via translators. They discussed how to treat patients in a rural environment, as well as medical differences across the world. They also talked about diseases such as AIDS, HIV, tuberculosis, malaria and diabetes.

"It's really an honor to be in the room with all of you," Sally Berger, M.D. and Carl Albert chief of staff, told the guests. "I am very humbled because our problems are so small compared to those you're describing and what we read and hear about in the news."

"Because of the tribal nature of most countries in Africa, the visitors were very interested in

meeting with American Indian groups," said Kay Bickham, Executive Director of the International Visitors Council of Greater Oklahoma City.

Countries represented by the international group included: Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Chad, Democratic Republic of Congo, France, Rwanda, Senegal and Togo.

Several visitors said Carl Albert was "the best place" they have visited because the staff was "friendly, warm and laughing."

The International Visitor Program is sponsored by the United States Department of State.

Aside from visiting Ada, the group also stopped in Washington D.C., Atlanta, Oklahoma City and San Diego.

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Aquatic exercise at Family Life Center proves popular

ADA, Okla. - Whether you're physically active or have limited mobility, aquatic exercise might be your ticket to fitness and a healthier self.

The Chickasaw Nation recently opened the Family Life Center in Ada. The facility features a 23-foot by 48-foot heated, indoor swimming pool, along with numerous other amenities.

Three sessions of aquatic exercise classes are being offered at the center and enrollment is ongoing. Around 60 individuals ranging in age from eight to mid-80s are enjoying this type of exercise at the Family Life Center. The classes are taught year-round.

"Water exercise puts less strain on your muscles than traditional aerobic exercise," said Melinda Ward, wellness manager.

Many people who have difficulty exercising excel in aquatic exercise, Ward said. But before a person pursues enrollment, he should consult with his physician.

Water is very beneficial for individuals who have trouble with mobility. For years, Mary Jo Green has suffered from lupus, a chronic inflammatory disease

that can affect various parts of the body, especially the skin, joints, blood and kidneys. Nearly 95 percent of individuals with lupus suffer from achy joints.

"Water aerobics doesn't hurt my joints like when I use manual equipment," Green said. "Since I have lupus even walking hurts, but doing jumping jacks in the water doesn't hurt at all."

Lupus affects one in every 185 Americans and more than 90 percent of people with the disease are women. Lupus is two to three times more common among African Americans, Hispanics, Asians and Native Americans.

According to the Lupus Now magazine, a warm pool helps increase circulation, while the buoyancy of the water relieves stress on joints. Water's natural resistance lets you boost your heart rate (the faster you move, the higher the resistance becomes), meaning that you can control the intensity of your workout.

"With water aerobics people who have lupus and stiff joints are able to move more freely and therefore get needed exercise," said Keisha Sweeney,

Ada Lupus Support Group leader.

Aquatic exercise routines include running in the water, jumping jacks, cross-country skiing, front and back kicks, body twists and some swimming.

Instructors for the Family Life Center aquatic classes are Melinda Ward, Shelly Gaines, Shon McCage and Erica Berryman.

For more information about aquatic classes, call (580) 310-9661. For information about the Ada Lupus Support Group, call (580) 436-0553.

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Chickasaw Nation Head Start teacher, Linda Rhoten, participates in an aquatic exercise class at the Family Life Center in Ada.



During the noon session of the Family Life Center aquatic class, Christie Byars (left) and Carey Ruhnkle (right) swim the length of the indoor swimming pool.

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"A Chickasaw Tribal Member"



Health System employees explore limits in triathlons

LUBBOCK, Texas – The mere thought of swimming, biking and running exhausts some people. Then there are others who enjoy pushing themselves and their bodies to extreme limits. A prime competition for those seeking extreme sports is the triathlon, featuring races in the water, on the bike and on the road.

Three Chickasaw Nation Health System employees recently competed in triathlons June 20 in Lubbock, Texas.

Norman Bradsher and Ron Westervelt both finished the



Norman Bradsher, of the Tishomingo Clinic, crosses the finish line at the Florida Ironman competition. He completed over 140 miles in 11:34.

Buffalo Springs Lake Triathlon. They swam 1.2 miles, biked 56 miles and ran 13.1 miles to cross the finish line.

The same day and 25 miles later, Tracie Westervelt, Ron's wife, finished a sprint distance triathlon which consisted of a 500-meter swim, 20 mile bike race and a five-mile run. Tracie finished the race in less than two hours.

Bradsher has been competing for two years. He finished the race in just over five hours and placed 140th overall, out of nearly 700.

"Competition to me is all about setting goals for myself," Bradsher said. "When you schedule a race and put that date on the calendar it motivates you to train and do the things you need to do in order to reach your goal."

Ron Westervelt, who has been competing for a year, said his goal was to finish in less than seven hours. He finished in 6:58.

"Finishing is a feat in itself," Ron Westervelt said. "It was definitely one of the most physically demanding things I have ever done."

The Buffalo Springs Lake Triathlon is half the distance of an Ironman competition. A full Ironman competition consists

of a 140.6-mile race that starts at 7 a.m. and must be completed within 17 hours.

Just three months after completing his first competition, Bradsher raced in the Florida Ironman competition. He learned some people train for years before they compete in the full Ironman and many people never attempt it.

In the Florida Ironman, one had to swim 2.4 miles in the ocean, bike 112 miles, then run a 26.2 mile marathon.

"Finishing 140.6 miles in one day was the toughest mental and physical test I have ever attempted," Bradsher said. "It was a great feeling to cross the finish line."

"In a race that long you have to stay mentally strong because the body is telling you to slow down, take a break, just walk and it will feel better. It's the mind that keeps the body going."

All three athletes have worked for the Chickasaw Nation Health System for several years. Bradsher is the clinic coordinator/physical therapist at the Tishomingo Health Clinic. Ron Westervelt is the clinic coordinator/laboratory manager and Tracie Westervelt is the pharmacy manager both at the Durant Health Clinic.

"Physical therapy is all about promoting a healthy lifestyle and

I feel it's important to practice what I preach," Bradsher said. "I share a lot of my experiences with my patients, letting them know that with hard work anything is possible."

Thanks to the competitions, the three have become great friends. They support and encourage each other to do their best.

"At the first couple of triathlons I competed in, Norman would finish the race and actually run back up the course a couple of miles to finish the race beside me," Ron Westervelt said. "What a guy."

"Ron is a great training partner and has handled many difficult training sessions," Bradsher said.

"I feel Ron and Tracie will go far in triathlons," Bradsher said. "They train together and support each other."

Aside from their dedication to the sport of triathlons, Ron and Tracie Westervelt have two children.

"It is very difficult to work 40 hours a week and then find an additional 10 to 20 hours per week to train," Bradsher said. "Ron and Tracie are role models for their children."

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Chickasaw Nation Health System employee, Ron Westervelt, competes in his first half Ironman competition in Lubbock, Texas. In less than seven hours he raced over 70 miles. Ron and his wife Tracie have been competing in triathlons for a year.

Computer upgrade planned to better serve WIC participants

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation has announced a plan to upgrade to a new computer system designed to significantly increase customer service for families in need.

The Chickasaw Nation awarded the Covansys Corporation with a contract to replace the existing Women, Infants and Children (WIC) information management system with a more technologically advanced web-based system. The project is scheduled to be completed by October 2007.

"The completion of this new system will allow us to better serve WIC participants, in turn, improving their quality of life," Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby said.

The Chickasaw Nation announced the contract on behalf of a consortium of 13 Intertribal

Organizations, named SPIRIT or "Successful Partners in Reaching Innovative Technology." The \$3 million project will be funded by the United States Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service.

"The SPIRIT project will provide a state-of-the-art comprehensive WIC automated system which will enhance service delivery for WIC clients throughout Indian Country," said Bill Lance, Chickasaw Nation health system administrator. "The participating 13 tribes have the technical knowledge and expertise to make this complex project a success."

Chickasaw Nation project manager Jan L'hommedieu said, "We are very excited about this project and the technological advances and expertise that Covansys brings to make this

the premier WIC system in the country."

The federally-funded WIC program is tasked with safeguarding the health of low-income women, infants and children up to age five and those who are at nutritional risk. The program provides healthy, nutritious foods to supplement diets, as well as information on healthy eating and referrals to health care.

For more than 12 years, the Chickasaw Nation WIC Program and other tribal WIC Programs have used a computer system known as WIC Ed to support WIC clinic operations.^o

"WIC Ed uses outdated technology, is increasingly difficult to maintain, doesn't provide all of the functionality of modern WIC systems, and thus badly needed to be replaced," L'Hommedieu

said.

In addition to providing a cost-effective and efficient technology solution for the SPIRIT consortium, the web-based WIC information system will positively impact the lives of program participants by:

- Streamlining pre-qualification processes to speed WIC program enrollment for eligible participants;
- Providing program participants with funds for food more quickly thanks to improved check processing capabilities;
- Ensuring eligibility for WIC program services as a result of enhanced information gathering and sharing; and
- Securing ongoing federal funding for the WIC consortium users by improving federal reporting capabilities.

The Chickasaw Nation WIC

Program, serving approximately 3,000 women, infants, and children each month, is one of the largest programs in the SPIRIT consortium.^o These agencies have a combined caseload of 13,800 individuals per month.^o

The Chickasaw Nation offers WIC clinics in Ada, Ardmore, Tishomingo, Sulphur, Pauls Valley, Purcell and Duncan.

Covansys is a global consulting and technology services company specializing in industry-specific solutions, strategic outsourcing and integration services. Covansys is a national leader in providing WIC solutions, with nearly two decades of experience helping states deliver services to program participants.

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Have children vaccinated before school year begins

Don't wait until the last minute to start planning for your children's back-to-school needs, especially their vaccinations. That's the message from the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH), McDonald's, Fox/WB (Warner Brothers), the Oklahoma Caring Van, and local Immunization Coalitions across the state as they launch a back-to-school immunization drive this month.

In a campaign called "Immunize for Healthy Lives," parents will be encouraged to make certain they stay on schedule with their children's immunizations so that Oklahoma's children are fully immunized against dangerous childhood diseases like measles and whooping cough.

Oklahoma's First Lady Kim Henry will be featured in public service announcements and news articles that reach out to parents while immunization field staff throughout the state will be reminding parents through telephone messages, written reminders, and child care center visits to get their

children immunized now and avoid the back-to-school rush.

Participating Oklahoma McDonald's restaurants will be providing immunization information to their customers on tray liners and bag stuffers. McDonald's will also offer a flyer or immunization schedule placemat during the campaign. In addition, McDonald's will provide Oklahoma's participating physicians' offices and county health departments with coupons good for free "Apple Dippers" to reward children for getting immunized. Apple Dippers are a new product at McDonald's, featuring fresh apple slices and a low-fat caramel dipping sauce.

The Caring Van, sponsored by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oklahoma, and Fox/WB will assist by setting up special immunization clinics to encourage parents to get their children immunized. The Caring Vans are based out of Oklahoma City and Tulsa and have the flexibility of providing on-site immunizations for child care centers, schools

and other facilities across the state.

This is the third year the "Immunize for Healthy Lives" campaign has been conducted in Oklahoma.

"Without immunizations, children may catch diseases that cause heart defects, mental retardation, and pneumonia. Immunizations can protect your children against 12 dangerous diseases," said State Health Commissioner Dr. Michael Crutcher. "I hope all parents and caregivers will join us in our efforts to protect the health of children."

The following immunizations are required for children entering day care or school:

- Children entering day care should have age-appropriate immunizations such as two doses of hepatitis A vaccine, with the first dose on or after the second birthday, and the second dose 6 to 18 months later; three doses of hepatitis B vaccine; and one dose of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine given on or after the first birthday, or a parent's statement

of a history of the disease (chickenpox) will be accepted instead of vaccination. Other vaccines required for day care attendance based upon the child's age include MMR (measles, mumps, rubella); DTaP or DTP (diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis); polio; and Haemophilus influenzae type B (Hib).

- Children entering pre-school should have received four doses of DTaP or DTP; three doses of polio vaccine; one dose of MMR; three doses of hepatitis B; two doses of hepatitis A; and one dose of varicella or a statement of history of the disease.

- Children entering kindergarten, through sixth grade should have received five doses of DTaP/DTP (or four doses if the 4th dose was given on or after 4th birthday); four doses of polio vaccine (or three doses if the 3rd dose was given on or after the 4th birthday); two doses of MMR; three doses of hepatitis B; two doses of hepatitis A; and one dose of varicella or a statement of history of the disease (chickenpox).

- Children entering seventh and eighth grades should have received everything the younger children have received except for the varicella vaccine. Seventh and eighth grade children may receive two or three doses of hepatitis B vaccine (depending on type of vaccine).

- Children entering the ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades should have received three doses of DTP; three doses of polio; two doses of MMR; two or three doses of hepatitis B vaccine (depending on type of vaccine); and, two doses of hepatitis A vaccine.

Beginning this fall, first-time college enrollees who plan to live on-campus will be required to get meningitis vaccination.

For information about childhood immunizations, clinics scheduled in your area, or to find out about the meningitis vaccinations for college students, call your county health department or health care provider.

Watch these suicide warning signs among young people

Suicide is the third leading cause of death for young people 15 to 24 years old in Oklahoma. There were 528 suicides in Oklahoma in 2003 with 88 committed by young people under age 25. Males under the age of 25 are much more likely to commit suicide than their female counterparts.

State health officials say that adolescent suicide is preventable.

"Most suicidal individuals desperately want to live, they are just unable to see other alternatives to their problems," said James Allen, coordinator of the Adolescent Health Program of the Oklahoma State Department of Health. "Effective clinical care; restricted access to lethal means of suicide; strong connections to family, community, cultural and religious beliefs; medical and mental health care; and development of problem-solving skills can encourage self-preservation," he said.

A review of the Oklahoma

data of suicides shows that:

- In 2002, 29 adolescents age 18 and under committed suicide.

- Whites have the highest rate of suicide among persons over age 15.

- Native Americans have the highest suicide rate for those younger than age 15.

- Suicide rates are slightly higher in rural counties.

- Eighty-three percent of hospitalized suicide attempts occurred in the home.

- Sixty-nine percent of those who attempt suicide had a history of mental illness.

- Thirty-seven percent of those who attempt suicide had a history of alcohol or drug abuse.

- Thirty-three percent of those who attempt suicide had a previous suicide attempt.

Anyone who spends time around young people should be alert for signals that could help prevent a suicide attempt. The American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry re-

leased the following warning signs for suicide:

- Change in eating and sleeping habits

- Withdrawal from friends, family and regular activities

- Violent actions, rebellious behavior or running away

- Drug and alcohol use

- Unusual neglect of personal appearance

- Marked personality change

- Persistent boredom, difficulty concentrating, or a declining quality of schoolwork

- Frequent complaints about physical symptoms related to emotions such as stomachaches, headaches, fatigue etc.

- Loss of interest in pleasurable activities

- Not tolerating praise or awards

- Complaints about being a "bad" person or "feeling rotten" inside

- Giving verbal hints with statements such as "I won't be a problem for you much longer", "nothing matters", "It's no use",

or "I won't see you again".

- Putting his or her affairs in order such as giving away favorite possessions, cleaning his or her room, throwing away important belongings, etc.

- Becoming suddenly cheerful after a period of depression

- Having signs of psychosis (hallucinations or bizarre thoughts).

If you or someone you know needs help, call the Teenline at

the 1-800-522 TEEN (8336), Reachout at 800-522-9054, or CONTACT at 1-800-SUICIDE.

The Oklahoma State Suicide Prevention Plan is available on the web site at: www.health.state.ok.us/program/ahd/index.html or call the Oklahoma State Department of Health Adolescent Health Program, 405/271-4471, for a regional community toolkit to help get local com-

Dallas Zoo Commissary



Students of the Chickasaw Foundation Educational Talent Search program visit the Dallas Zoo Commissary.

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house, the warriors set off, firing their guns and war-whooping, following the lead warrior who was carrying the sacred ark of war. (Apparently the content of the ark was never revealed to Adair.) As they marched single file, the leader started them singing a song only performed on that occasion. The song was punctuated by intermittent war whoops from all of the warriors. After entering woods and for the remainder of the trek toward their enemy, everyone fell silent, listening and watching intently for signs of danger.

Adair wrote that he tried to persuade some war parties that he accompanied to keep up their strength by taking food and water, but none would risk becoming polluted. They continued their quest unless someone's dreams alerted them otherwise. Since they interpreted dreams as a divine message, they were bound to return home at once. "I have known a whole company who set out for war, to return in small parties, and sometimes by single persons, and be applauded by the united voice of the people," Adair wrote.

When the war party, usually numbering 20 to 40, reached the enemy's hunting grounds, the warriors separated but stayed within earshot by imitating animal sounds. If they discovered the enemy's tracks, they alerted one another to draw closer together. They used considerable stealth, crawling on the ground like "wild cats," hoping for a sneak attack. Just prior to the attack, they "stripped themselves naked, and painted their faces and breast red as blood, intermingled with black streaks."

When the leaders simultaneously blow small whistles, the "hot work begins," Adair wrote. The battle is a cacophony of war whooping and guns exploding, hickory bows twanging, barbed arrows whizzing, and javelins and tomahawks seeking out their unlucky targets. After the initial attack, the Chickasaws pursue any of the retreating enemy who are injured or unarmed and either kill or capture them. Some who are killed may be dismembered in addition to being scalped. These trophies will be displayed back in their

village.

Since the Chickasaws don't believe that humans are born in a state of war, they believe that shedding human blood makes them impure. That is a reason why battles never last long and why warriors try to avoid subsequent battles before reaching home. There they continue fasting and are sanctified by the war chief. Too much impurity, especially on the part of the leader, could lead to casualties. If several warriors die in battle, the leader is thought to be out of divine favor, and could be demoted or even put to death.

Nearing their village, they march behind the leader in single file, a few yards apart. If successful, they stage a noisy return, guns firing, whooping and loudly vilifying their prisoners. Later, they make a sacrifice of gratitude to the diety in the ark. But if they failed or even one of their warriors was killed, they return in silence because they believe through "some neglect of duty, they are impure." They believe that the divinity in the ark will always bless the more

religious warriors.

The returning warriors camp near the town in the designated place and in the middle of their campsite they plant a red-painted war pole to which they secure the prisoners. The next day, the younger captives may or may not be spared. But to atone for the blood they have doubtless spilled over the years, the older prisoners endure a prescribed torture with fire until they succumb. Adair's vivid description of this ceremony leaves little to the imagination.

Finally, to the accompaniment of rejoicing, chanting women and warriors singing and whooping, the scalps of the deceased are cut into pieces and tied to pine branches. These are placed on top of the circular winter houses of the now avenged families. By this religious act of vengeance, the ghosts of the slain Chickasaws are released to go to another place of rest.

The tribe dances for three days and nights, thanking "Yo He Wah" for their victory. In the dance, they demonstrate the wild-cat movements they made in crawling up on the

enemy. "Now," wrote Adair, "they lift up one foot, then put it down slowly on tip-toe in a bent posture looking sharply every way. Then they proceed from tree to tree, till the enemy is defeated."

Part III of the series, on the importance of religion to the tribe, will appear in the September Times.

Letter to the Editor:

Refuge Manager Kris Patton of Tishomingo National Wildlife Refuge recently expressed his appreciation to Governor Bill Anoatubby and the Summer Youth Program Director Larry Seawright for placing two summer workers at the Refuge.

Patton said Brian Cardinale and Chris Detar proved to be a tremendous help in upgrading the refuge's public use facilities in the absence of maintenance worker Bob Miller. Miller, a Chickasaw Native, was called to active duty in January and is currently serving in Afghanistan. With senior maintenance worker in Afghanistan we found ourselves shorthanded in keeping up with the public use

facilities. The addition of the two summer program workers allowed us to complete numerous projects and provide excellent training for the young workers. The workers helped to establish concrete sidewalks in the arboretum, landscaped, renovated the public use pavilion and restrooms, constructed fence, renovated parts of the office and shop, and provided lawn maintenance.

I believe that the summer program provides invaluable work experience, in an array of fields, that will carry on with the workers throughout their careers.

Kristoper Patton
Refuge Manager
Tishomingo NWR

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Tribal bank 'Service Firm of the Year'

Bank2 honored by Native American Business Development Center

OKLAHOMA CITY - Bank2 has been selected as the "2004 Service Firm of the Year" by the Oklahoma Native American Business Development Center (ONABDC), Marcus Vega, ONABDC Project Coordinator, announced last week. The award will be presented as part of the Oklahoma Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week. MED Week seeks to recognize outstanding minority-owned businesses that have overcome significant odds to become successful enterprises.

"Bank2 is truly outstanding in providing a wide-range of

financial services to Indian Country," stated Vega. "Bank2 responds to the needs of Native Americans by outreach efforts such as home-ownership seminars, mortgage financing, and other services tailored for Native Americans. Bank2 has been very successful in its' demonstrated commitment to increasing home ownership and small business development among Native Americans."

Bank2 is 100% owned by the Chickasaw Nation, based in Ada, Okla. The bank, with its headquarters in Oklahoma City, serves Native American

small businesses and individuals across Oklahoma. Bank2 has a special focus on the Oklahoma City Metropolitan Statistical area and the 13-county jurisdictional area of the Chickasaw Nation in south central Oklahoma.

Bank2 has been in operation since January 4, 2002, and has since grown to over \$60 million in total assets. Bank2 is a full service bank, offering general operating accounts, savings and checking accounts, certificates of deposit, business loans, consumer loans, real-estate loans, and a variety of competitively-priced home mortgage products.

"We are honored to be rec-

ognized by the ONABDC for our efforts," stated Ross Hill, President and CEO of Bank2. "However, we are more honored to serve such a deserving and wonderful people, Native Americans, by providing financial services that traditionally have not been available to them," states Hill. "Bank2 is reaching out to all Native Americans, businesses, and individuals, in an effort to boost the economies of Indian Country and Oklahoma."

The theme for this years Oklahoma MED Week celebration is, "Propelling Native American Businesses to New Heights." The awards ceremony is to take place on Friday evening, August 6, 2004, at the Philbrook Muse-

um of Art, in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

ONABDC, based in Tulsa, is funded by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency. ONABDC provides business assistance free of charge to Native American and other minority owned companies located in Oklahoma. ONABDC assists entrepreneurs to start or expand their businesses. The center serves as an intermediary in many functions but focuses on contract procurement and financing for client projects. For more information please visit the ONABDC website at www.indianbusiness.org, or contact Marcus Vega at 918-592-1113.

Agriculture program pays lamb producers

ADA, Okla. - The Secretary of Agriculture approved a new program to encourage the replacement and retention of ewe lamb breeding stock. The Ewe Lamb Replacement and Retention Program will pay producers \$18 per head for ewe lambs purchased or retained between August 1, 2003, and July 31, 2004.

Gene Overturf, County Executive Director for the Pontotoc County Farm Service Agency, said "In addition to meeting the purchase-retention dates, producers must retain qualifying ewe lambs for at least one complete offspring lambing cycle."

"Adequate record keeping is a must for this program," Overturf said. "Producers should keep records such as sales receipts as proof of purchase, management records, veterinarian certifications as proof of ewe lamb characteristics and scrapie program forms."

Documentation must disclose the dates of lamb purchase, birth and death, if applicable; lamb identification and control information; the number of ewe lambs purchased; and identification with Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) approved scrapie program.

Scrapie is a degenerative disease of sheep and goats that affects the central nervous system.

"APHIS conducts a voluntary scrapie flock certification program to certify scrapie-free herds," said Overturf.

As soon as the regulations for the program are published in the Federal Register, a sign-up period will be announced. "I cannot emphasize enough the importance of maintaining adequate records of ewe lambs purchased or retained between August 1, 2003 and July 31, 2004," Overturf said.

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No votes: Beth Alexander
General Resolution Number 21-070

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Johnston County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, located at 406 W. 8th, and described as Lot 8 in Block 68 Tishomingo Original, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Chairperson Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Linda Briggs

No votes: Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman

General Resolution Number 21-071

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, containing 2.26 acres, more or less, in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, located at 1100 West Main, and described as Part of the NE/4 of Section 32, Township 4 North, Range 6 East of the Indian Base and Meridian, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Chairperson Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Melvin Burris,

Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Linda Briggs

No votes: Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman, Wilson Seawright

General Resolution Number 21-072

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, containing 28 acres, more or less, in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, described as Part of the NW/4 and Part of the NE/4 in Section 26, Township 4 North, Range 6 East of the Indian Base and Meridian. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Chairperson Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Linda Briggs

No votes: Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman, Wilson Seawright

General Resolution Number GR21-073

Authorization for One-Time Funding for the Head Start Program

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's supplemental grant application for one-time funds to improve and enhance operations of the Head Start Program. The application seeks funding to assist the program in health and safety and licensing issues.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented by: Dean McManus, Chairman Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright,

Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number GR21-074

Authorization for Cost of Living Allowance For the Head Start Program

Explanation: The Chickasaw Nation Head Start is currently funded to serve 256 children. This resolution seeks funding to increase funding to enhance operations of the Chickasaw Nation's Head Start funding application.

The Chickasaw Nation Head Start is funded by the Congressional Head Start Act through the DHHS Head Start Bureau, American Indian Programs branch. As a federally recognized Indian Tribe, the Chickasaw Nation applies for the

each year.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented by: Dean McManus, Chairperson Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Linda Briggs

Permanent Resolution Number 21-023

Amendments to Title 5 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Courts and Procedures)

Explanation: This resolution amends rules and procedures for the Chickasaw Nation courts to

correct inconsistencies and further define protective orders.

Requested by: Tim Colbert, Chairman Court Development Committee

Presented by: Tim Colbert, Chairman Court Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Linda Briggs

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Blackwood Scott.

Members voting yes: Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

9 yes votes

Members voting no:

Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman, Wilson Seawright

3 no votes

The motion to approve GR21-052 carried.

General Resolution Number 21-053, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Mrs. Green to approve GR21-053.

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Members voting yes: Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

9 yes votes

Members voting no:

Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman, Wilson Seawright

3 no votes

The motion to approve GR21-053 carried.

General Resolution Number 21-054, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, together with all improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action

is advantageous.

A motion was made by Mrs. Green to approve GR21-054. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Members voting yes:

Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

9 yes votes

Members voting no: Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman, Wilson Seawright

3 no votes

The motion to approve GR21-054 carried.

General Resolution Number 21-055, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, containing 1.29 acres, more or less, in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property

U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Mrs. Green to approve GR21-055. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Members voting yes:

Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

9 yes votes

Members voting no:

Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman, Wilson Seawright

3 no votes

The motion to approve GR21-055 carried.

General Resolution Number 21-056, Authorization for Real Property Lease in Pontotoc County

This resolution approves a Real Property Lease on property belonging to the Chickasaw Nation located at 801 N. Mississippi, Ada, Oklahoma, together with all the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, for a primary term of 20 months beginning May 1, 2004, and ending December 31, 2005.

A motion was made by Mrs. Green to approve GR21-056. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR21-056 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 21-057, Authorization for Real Property Lease in Pontotoc County

This resolution approves a Real Property Lease on property belonging to the Chickasaw Nation located at 731 N. Mississippi, Ada, Oklahoma, together with all the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto belonging, for a primary term of 20 months beginning May 1, 2004, and ending December 31, 2005.

A motion was made by Mrs. Green to approve GR21-057. The motion was seconded by

Mrs. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Mrs. Hartman noted in the third paragraph, the word "no" should be "not."

A motion was made by Mrs. Hartman to amend the word "no" to "not" in the third paragraph. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Alexander.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion on the amendment carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mrs. Green to approve GR21-057 as amended. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR21-057, as amended, carried unanimously.

Mrs. Green concluded her report.

(E) EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Wanda Blackwood Scott
No report.

(F) HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Mary Jo Green
No report.

(G) HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Scott Colbert
No report.

(H) HISTORIC CAPITOLAD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Wanda Blackwood Scott

Mrs. Wanda Blackwood Scott reported the capitol building will be completed in time for the Chickasaw Festival.

(I) COURT DEVELOPMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Tim Colbert

Permanent Resolution Number 21-058, Addition of Title 19, Chapter 2 of the Chickasaw

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VA Loans

If you are a Native American Veteran and have never used your VA eligibility to purchase a home, you may do so through the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing. VA Loans offer the veteran 100% financing.



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saw Nation Code, (Chickasaw Lighthorse)

This resolution establishes a Chickasaw Nation police force. Law Enforcement is an inherent function of a sovereign. Further, in a three branch government like the Chickasaw Nation, it is an inherent function of the Executive Department to provide for Law Enforcement to be carried out. The Executive Department will establish the department structure and policies and procedures in order to provide this essential function.

A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert to approve GR21-058. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mary Jo Green.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR21-058 carried unanimously.

Permanent Resolution Number 21-018, Amendments to Title 5, Chapter 2 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Prosecutor and Court Appointed Counsel)

This resolution provides for a prosecutor and for court-appointed counsel in both criminal and civil cases in the District Court of the Chickasaw Nation.

A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert to approve PR21-018. The motion was seconded by Mr. Burris.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve PR21-018 carried unanimously.

Permanent Resolution Number 21-019, Amendments to Title 5, Chapter 5, Section 5-501.4 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Initial Appearance)

This resolution changes the arraignment of a criminal defendant to an initial appearance. The language of the resolution ensures that each defendant will be given an opportunity to

obtain private counsel or have court-appointed counsel if the defendant is indigent prior to the disposition of the case.

A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert to approve PR21-019. The motion was seconded by Mr. Burris.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve PR21-019 carried unanimously.

Permanent Resolution Number 21-020, Amendments to Title 5, Chapter 12 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Emergency Orders)

This resolution amends 3 sections of Title 5, Chapter 12 of the Chickasaw Nation Code in order to allow the District Court to issue a broader range of protective orders using forms promulgated by the Court.

A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert to approve PR21-020. The motion was seconded by Mr. Burris.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve PR21-020 carried unanimously.

Mr. Tim Colbert concluded his report.

AGENDA ITEM #7

NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Mrs. Hartman stated Betty Smith contacted her regarding the naming of the bridge to Pikey's Crossing. The legislation passed in the Oklahoma House of Representatives, but the Senate sent it to committee. Ms. Smith asked the Legislators and the Governor to contact the Senate to encourage them to not let this legislation die in committee.

Mr. Seawright referred to a letter that was presented to the Legislators from the Mill Creek Pentecostal Holiness Youth Group. He suggested sending a letter in recognition of their accomplishment in advanc-

ing to the national level in the organization's talent contest.

James Humes made comments on the naming of the bridge, Senate Bill 1252 Tribal Gaming Compact Act, and the Multimedia compact with the tribe.

Mike Watson made comments regarding per capita payments, the Development Budget, and the of purchase property without knowing the financial information.

Bob Martin read a list of questions he had been asked by other citizens. It included why Chickasaws did not have storm shelters, clothing for school age children, medical prescription insurance for those living inside and outside the Nation, gasoline discounts for citizens, and per capita payments. He stated the Nation should help the people more.

Juanita Tate stated asked if the Governor had the authority to donate to one specific candidate. She felt this decision should come to the vote of the people.

Ms. Hartman stated she had read articles where the Governor, under the name of the Chickasaw Nation, made political contributions. She asked for an explanation why political contributions were made in the name of the Chickasaw Nation.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Chickasaw Tribal Legislature adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Goforth Parker, Secretary Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Prepared by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION David Stout Building Ada, Oklahoma June 18, 2004

AGENDA ITEM #1
CALL MEETING TO ORDER
Chairperson Linda Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood

Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

Staff present:

Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel, David Mitchell, Legislative Legal Assistant

Guests present:

Cheryl Ehman, Betty Boecker, Lizette Stephens, Emma Stephens, Misty Barker, Sue Simmons, Juanita Tate, James A. Humes, Pat and Bob Ewert, Cindy Griffin, Mike Watson, Wilma Watson, Traile G. Glory, Sue Hunter, Robert L. Cole, Anna Cole, Tony Choate, Robyn Elliott

AGENDA ITEM #3

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - May 21, 2004

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to table the May 21, 2004 minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Members voting yes: Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

Member voting no:

Beth Alexander

1 no vote

The motion to table the minutes of May 21, 2004 carried.

AGENDA ITEM #5: U N - FINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: R E - PORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT** by Chairman Steve Woods

No report.

(B) **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT** by Chairman Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 21-047, Approval of Development Budget

This resolution approves the Development Budget with four capital improvement projects. Those projects are: the Ardmore Nutrition Center; the Pharmacy Refill Center; the Newcastle Travel Plaza; and the Wilson Travel Plaza. The total cost for all four projects is just over

\$8.6 million. Exhibit A provides all development projects, with documentation to be provided to the Legislature during committee meetings.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR21-047. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Green.

Mrs. Hartman noted a zero amount for the Wilson Travel Plaza.

Mr. Scott Colbert stated the Wilson Travel Plaza was under a contract through Enterprises and the contract provides for no cost to the Nation at this point.

Mr. Seawright stated the information the Legislature received was the Wilson Travel Plaza would be vendor funded at \$4.5 million. The Nation will pay back one-third of the cost.

Mrs. Hartman asked if the amount to be expended on the Newcastle Travel Plaza was for gaming.

Mr. Scott Colbert explained the Newcastle Travel Plaza would be completed in stages.

Mrs. Hartman asked if there were additional funds from the vendor aside from the amount listed for Newcastle.

Mr. Scott Colbert stated he has the financial books and Mrs. Hartman was welcome to review them.

Mrs. Hartman stated she had reviewed the financials and felt that in the Development Budget a majority of the funds was to support gaming. Approximately \$3 million of the \$8.6 million of this budget would provide services for the people.

Dr. Goforth Parker noted the revenue from gaming helps provide services to the Chickasaw people.

A roll call was taken to approve GR21-047.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

Member voting no:

Donna Hartman

1 no vote

The motion to approve GR21-047 carried.

Mr. Scott Colbert concluded his report.

(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT

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by Chairman Dean McManus
General Resolution Number 21-063, Authorization for Application for the IHS Special Diabetes Program for Indians Competitive Grant Program

The Indian Health Service (IHS) has recently announced the availability of Special Diabetes Program for Indians Competitive Grant Program to address primary and secondary diabetes prevention demonstration programs. The Chickasaw Nation is eligible to apply for such grant and proposes to implement comprehensive programming aimed to prevent diabetes among the Chickasaw people. This resolution authorizes the Chickasaw Nation to apply for the IHS Special Diabetes Program for Indians Competitive Grant Program.

A motion was made by Mrs. McManus to approve GR21-063. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott. Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR21-063 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 21-064, Authorization for Application for the IHS Special Diabetes Program for Indians Competitive Grant Program

The Indian Health Service (IHS) has recently announced the availability of Special Diabetes Program for Indians Competitive Grant Program to address primary and secondary diabetes prevention demonstration programs. The Chickasaw Nation is eligible to apply for such grant and proposes to implement clinical programming aimed at the prevention of cardiovascular disease among persons with diabetes. This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation to apply for an IHS Special Diabetes Program for Indians Competitive Grant Program.

A motion was made by Mrs. McManus to approve GR21-064. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Green.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly

Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR21-064 carried unanimously.

Mrs. McManus concluded her report.

(D) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Judy Goforth Parker

General Resolution Number 21-060, Business Lease No. G09-1536 in Atoka County

This resolution approves Business Lease No. G09-1536 in favor of CenterPoint Energy Field Services, Inc., Shreveport, Louisiana, on lands jointly owned by the Chickasaw and Choctaw nations containing 1.31 acres, more or less. This lease will cover a term of twenty (20) years, beginning on December 12, 2003, and ending on December 11, 2023, with a per annum payment of \$3,000.00 for the first five (5) years, and subject to a rental adjustment provision thereafter at not less than five (5) year intervals. The Chickasaw Nation will receive \$750.00 per annum for the first five (5) years and thereafter interest of the rental adjustments.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR21-060. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR21-060 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 21-061, Mining (Sand & Gravel) Lease No. G03-2620 Love County, Tract No. 773

This resolution approves Mining (Sand & Gravel) Lease No. G03-2620, in favor of the Chickasaw Nation, 520 E. Arlington, Ada, Oklahoma, 74820, for a sand & gravel operation on property belonging to the Choctaw and Chickasaw Na-

tions, Love County, Oklahoma, containing 33.26 acres, more or less.

A motion was made by Mrs. McManus to approve GR21-061. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Green.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR21-061 carried unanimously

General Resolution Number 21-062, Agricultural Lease No. G09-1534 in Coal County

This resolution approves Agricultural Lease No. G09-1534 for farming and grazing purposes, on property belonging to the Chickasaw Nation, Coal County, Oklahoma, containing 10 acres, more or less, in favor of Edgar A. Collins, Coalgate, Oklahoma. The proposed lease will be for a three (3) year term beginning January 1, 2004, and ending on December 31, 2006, with a per annum payment of \$120.00, plus weed and brush control at an annual value of \$120.00.

A motion was made by Mrs. McManus to approve GR21-062. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR21-062 carried unanimously

Dr. Goforth Parker concluded her report.

(E) EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Wanda Blackwood Scott

No report.

(F) HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Mary Jo Green

No report.

(G) HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Scott

Colbert

No report.

(H) HISTORICAL CAPITOL AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Wanda Blackwood Scott

Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott reported the capitol building should be completed in time for the Chickasaw Festival.

(I) COURT DEVELOPMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Tim Colbert

No report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Mr. Seawright announced the Oklahoma City Community Council would hold their annual picnic on July 10.

Artistic Presentation by Cheryl Ehmann

Ms. Ehmann presented a sculpture of Chief Tishomingo, which she sculpted, to Governor Anoatubby in honor of his leadership. Chairperson Briggs accepted the sculpture for Governor Anoatubby in his absence.

Lavada "Sue" Hunter voiced her concerns of the lack of education and the drop out rate for Native Americans. She felt there was a disparity in the amount of funds given to education compared to the amount of funds given to the cultural center in Oklahoma City.

Jim A. Humes suggested placing the consolidated budget on the Chickasaw Nation website. He felt this site should be more expansive and informative.

Mike Watson expressed a need of more tutoring services for the children and made comments regarding the Chickasaw removal.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Goforth Parker, Secretary Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Prepared by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

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At about the same time, Brentwood officials, wanting to put the negative episode behind them, asked a local district court to permit re-burial of all excavated material. When the request was granted, nothing remained except to settle on a location and time.

The Chickasaws needed time to think about the type of reburial ceremony that would be most fitting. When Indians were laid to rest ceremonially a thousand years ago or three hundred years ago, there was no thought that one day a re-burial ceremony would be needed. The ceremony that was devised was similar to earlier re-burial ceremonies that had been held twice involving historic Chickasaw remains from the Tupelo, Mississippi area.

The Chickasaw Nation repatriation committee agreed that the ceremony would be private, and that no details of the ceremony should be made public. Most of the committee members had participated in

earlier reburial ceremonies. Lt. Gov. Keel says this was his third such ceremonial and that he hopes to be involved in them for as long as he can. As the tribe's new director of cultural resources, Eddie Postoak participated in his first. He became director of cultural resources last February. "It was a good feeling to be helping, but it was a very solemn occasion," he says, adding that he visited with certain elders for advice before taking part.

Both Postoak and Keel agree there will be more such ceremonies. The amended state law should facilitate relations between the tribe and state of Tennessee. But the biggest problem now is the enormous amount of on-going construction in the Nashville area and the tiny number of observers who will alert the tribe or government agencies when developers begin destroying ancient Indian cemeteries

Evelyn Virginia Parker Bennett



Evelyn Virginia Parker Bennett, 81, entered into rest Wednesday June 16, 2004. She was born on August 31, 1922 in Ringling, Oklahoma to Wesley and Lena Parker.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Edgar Vernon Bennett; a son, Harold Lloyd Bennett; granddaughters, Michelle Lynn Bennett and Brittany Kay Erskine; her parents; her grandfather Wilson Parker; and her great-grandfather Thomas Parker, one of the first Governors of the Chickasaw Nation.

She is survived by four daughters, Jerrie Le Compte, Peggy Prather, Sharon Hignight, Cynthia Erskine; three sons, Eddie Bennett, Jimmy Bennett, Gary Bennett; a brother, W.L. (Tuffy) Parker; 10 grandchildren, James (Jim) Conway, Frankfort, Ill., Mark Bennett, Santa Fe, Texas, Kimberly Bennett, New York, and Roy LeCompte, Jr., Michael LeCompte, Chris Bennett, Alisha Osos, Joey Erskine,

Ashley Erskine, and Jessica Erskine all of Houston; 3 great-grandchildren, Brittney Nicole Conway, Frankfort, Ill., Hector Jr., and Alexis Osos both of Houston.

Graveside services were officiated by Rev. Calvin Durham Saturday June 19, 2004 at Earthman Resthaven Cemetery, Houston.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to Dr. Barry Siller, Dr. B.K. Roy, and Dr. Phillip Berman.

Pearline Billy



Services for Pearline Billy, 84, Ada, Okla., were March 8, 2004 at High Hill Baptist Church, Ada, with the Rev. Larry Hawkins officiating. Burial followed in High Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Billy died March 4, 2004 at an Oklahoma City hospital. She was born May 29, 1919, at Franks, Okla., to John and Agnas Dana Alberson.

She was a homemaker and a member of High Hill Baptist Church.

She married John Thomas Bil-

ly March 25, 1944. He preceded her in death, Jan. 18, 1994.

She is survived by five daughters, Leona Lacher, Lewisville, Texas, Virginia Aguilar, Ada, Jennifer Williams, Irving, Texas, Carylon Billy, Tupelo and Wanda Vick, Oklahoma City; Tonia R. Matthews, Blanchard, Okla., and Joseph K. Billy, Ada, whom she reared; a sister, Edith Gore, Stonewall; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Bearers were Joseph K. Billy, Jeffery Williams, David L. Lacher, Bryan K. Billey, David H. Vicky II, Joe Billey, Chris G. Carpenter and Michael T. Billey.

Honorary pallbearers were her grandchildren.

Erin Michael Morrison



Funeral service for Erin Michael Morrison, 20, of Lawton, Okla., were July 30, 2004 at Lawton Ritter Gray Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. William Sprage, Pastor, of Cache Road Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial was in Highland Cemetery.

She died Saturday, July 24, 2004, in Decatur, Texas.

She was born December 21, 1983, in San Antonio, Texas to David Michael and Pam Ebisch Morrison. She is the great-great-great-great-granddaughter of Smith and Ela Teecha Paul, founders and name sake of Pauls Valley, Okla.

Her family moved to Lawton when Erin was a baby. She attended school at Lawton. She moved to Chicago, Ill., in 1998 and returned to Lawton in 2003. She was currently attending Eves College of Hair Styling. and was employed at Sonic Drive In.

She is survived by her mother, Pam Morrison, of Lawton; a son, JayQuan Sherrelious Adams, of the home; her maternal grandmother, Emma Lou Delk, of Lawton; her maternal grandfather, Raymond Richard Ebisch, of Grandfield; her paternal grandmother, Maria Steele, of Lawton; her paternal grandfather, Robert Donald Morrison, of San Antonio; two brothers, Damon E. Newton, of Oklahoma City, and Eric R. Morrison, of Lawton; two sisters, Tiffany M. Newton, of Glendale Heights, Ill., and Maegan M. Morrison, of Lawton; a half sister, Billy Joe Kidd, of Vancouver, Washington State; her Godmother, Frankie Gomez; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins; and a host of friends.

She was preceded in death by her father and her great grandparents.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Erin Morrison Trust, C/O, International Commerce Bank, # 1 SW 11th Street, Lawton, OK 73501.

Bruce Blocker



Bruce Blocker, 79, devoted husband, father, decorated veteran and proud Chickasaw man, died June 24, 2004 in Tishomingo, Oklahoma. Mr. Blocker was born on January 6, 1925 at Sulphur, Oklahoma to Claude and Winnie Blocker. Winnie Blocker was an original Chickasaw enrollee, as was Bruce Blocker's grandfather, William K. Neighbors. Mr. Blocker joined the U.S. Navy in 1941 prior to Pearl Harbor and served aboard the USS Yorktown during the battles of Coral Sea and Midway. He earned numerous military decorations during WWII including

the Purple Heart. He separated from the Navy due to his wartime injuries.

He was recalled to service in the United States Air Force in 1951 and gallantly served in the Korean War and the Vietnam War. He retired from the U.S. Air Force at Bergstrom AFB in Austin, Texas in September 1975. In addition to his three wartime experiences, his assignments included tours in Oklahoma, Texas, Alaska, Wisconsin and Turkey.

Following his 28 years of military service he resided in Garfield, Texas until 1998. He was active in the Air Force Association, the Veterans of Foreign Wars organization, the Masons and in Garfield City politics.

In 1998, Mr. Blocker and his wife, Wauneta Blocker, moved to Tishomingo. Mr. Blocker was elected to the Tishomingo City Council and served until six weeks prior to his death.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 54 years Wauneta Blocker; his three sons, Douglas, of Ardmore, Okla., Edward, of Wichita, Kan., and Ron, of Arlington, Texas; a sister, Louise Haddock, of Porter, Texas, a brother-in-law Melvin (Red) Haddock, of Porter, Texas; a sister, Virginia Chapman, of Bastrop, Texas; and 4 grandchildren, Kim Bowen of Arlington Texas, Courtney Blocker of Arlington Texas, Chris Blocker of White City Oregon and Brad Blocker of White City Oregon and many other friends and relatives.

The family sincerely thanks the wonderful Honor Guard of Tinker AFB who presided over the military funeral on June 30 in Tishomingo.

Note of Thanks:

The family of Pearline Billy would like to thank everyone who had sent flowers and had brought food by for the family.

Thank you Carl Albert Family Practice, Med Surg Unit nurses, the doctors and nurses on the 9th floor at Integris Baptist Medical Center in Oklahoma City for treating our loved one with respect and compassion.

The ladies at High Hill Baptist Church and others for a wonderful dinner after the services.

The wake and services was beautifully done by Rev. Tony Buck and Rev. Larry Hawkins. Thank all who had sang and got up to speak.

Thank you Chickasaw Nation for your assistance and Criswell Funeral Home for the respect you showed toward our loved one and family. "She was beautiful!" and will be greatly missed.

Even though we couldn't mention everyone who helped in the time of our loss, you and everyone was greatly appreciated.

The Billy Family

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